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ABSTRACT

This Kids Count report details county and statewide trends in the well-being of Oklahoma's children. The statistical report is based on eight indicators of child well being: (1) percent low birthweight infants; (2) infant mortality rate; (3) births to unmarried teens; (4) child abuse and neglect rates; (5) child death rate; (6) children living in poverty; (7) high school dropout rate; and (8) juvenile violent crime. Chapter 1 of the report presents demographic trends over the past 10 years for Oklahoma's child population. Statewide and county demographic information presented includes children in rural and urban areas, racial background, and percent in single parent families. Chapters 2 through 9 present trends for each of the benchmarks. Each benchmark is defined, state and county trends are presented, racial differences are discussed if present, and some attempts to alleviate the problem are discussed. Results indicate that although there have been improvements since the mid-1980s in the infant mortality rate, child mortality rate, and high school dropout rate, there have been increases since the mid-1980s in low birthweight infants, births to unmarried teens, child abuse and neglect rate, children living in poverty, and juvenile violent crime. The report's final chapter presents methodology, sources, and acknowledgments, and describes the Kids Count Project. (KDFB)

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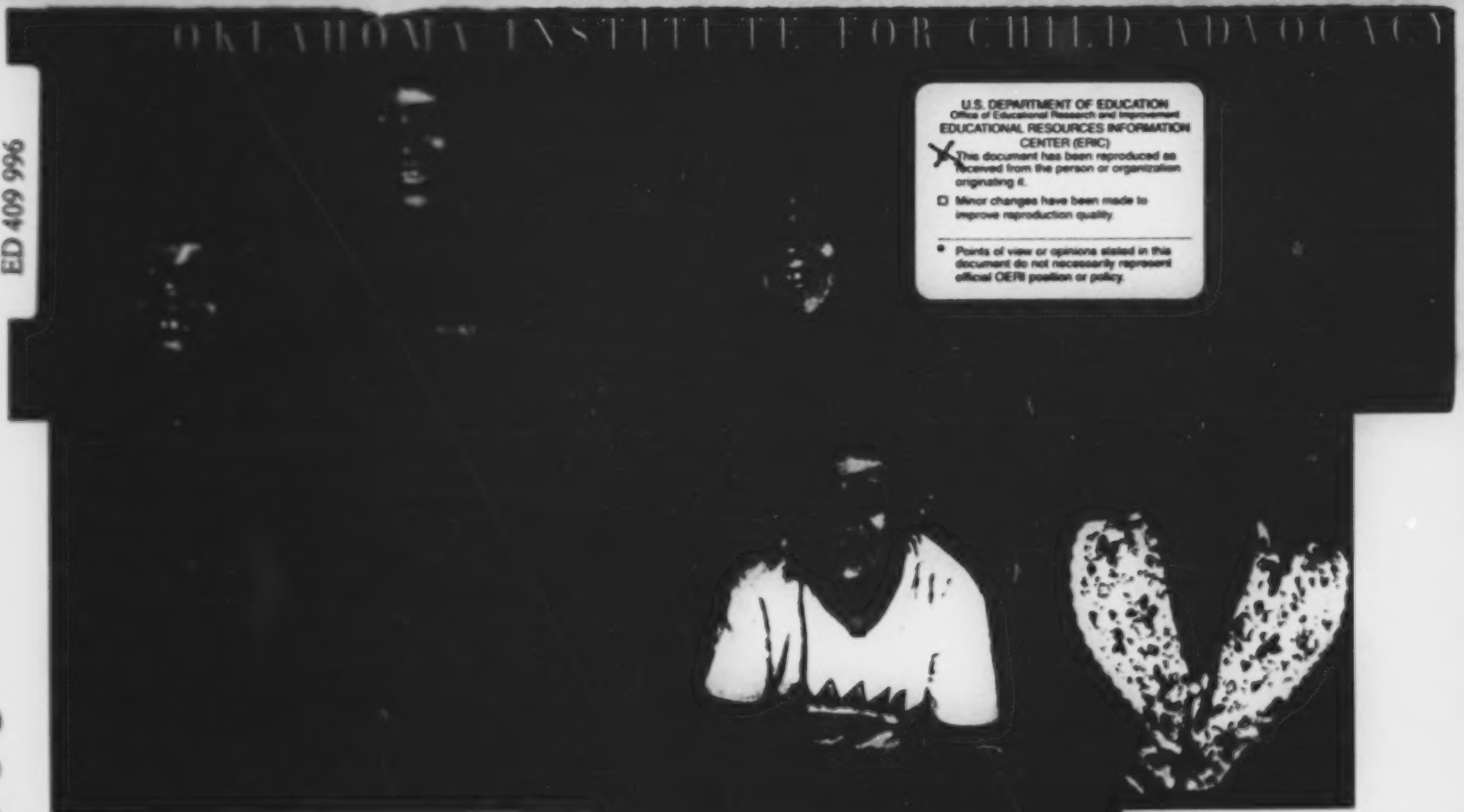

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OVERVIEW & FINDINGS

Celebrate!!! Thousands of Oklahoma children are healthy and happy. Their bright futures are hoped for, worked toward, and anticipated. These children are an integral part of Oklahoma's dynamic present and Oklahoma's productive future.

Acknowledge!!! Thousands of other Oklahoma children are *not* healthy and happy. Their bleak futures are lamented and, without help, can be anticipated because they fight overwhelming odds.

Cherish!!! All children are key to Oklahoma's future. We do not have one child to waste. All children must be understood, cherished and nurtured.

Act!!! Without community understanding and action many children threaten to disrupt their own and Oklahoma's present and future. The cost of apathy and inaction is too high. We must hope for, work toward, and anticipate the bright futures of *all Oklahoma children.*

Celebrate!!! The problems are complex, but are not without promising solutions. Child well-being can be improved with prevention strategies, early intervention and enhanced parent and community understanding and involvement.

Oklahoma KIDS COUNT is the state's first independent, county-by-county assessment of how its children are doing. Oklahoma KIDS COUNT portrays life in Oklahoma for children. How many children are there? Where do they live? With whom do they live? What are their ages, races? Did they receive prenatal care? Were they born healthy? Will they stay healthy? Do they live in poverty? Are they safe from abuse and neglect? Will they get an education? Will they have a child while they are still a child? How many will die? How will they die? Will they commit violent crimes?

The principal finding of Oklahoma KIDS COUNT is that for far too many of Oklahoma's children the answers to these questions are not good. Many are not healthy. More will become unhealthy. Many have died. More will. Many have been battered, abused and neglected. More will be. Many live in families without money to provide enough food. More will. Many have committed violent offenses against other Oklahomans. More will. Some will face and overcome the challenges depicted in these pages. Others will fail.

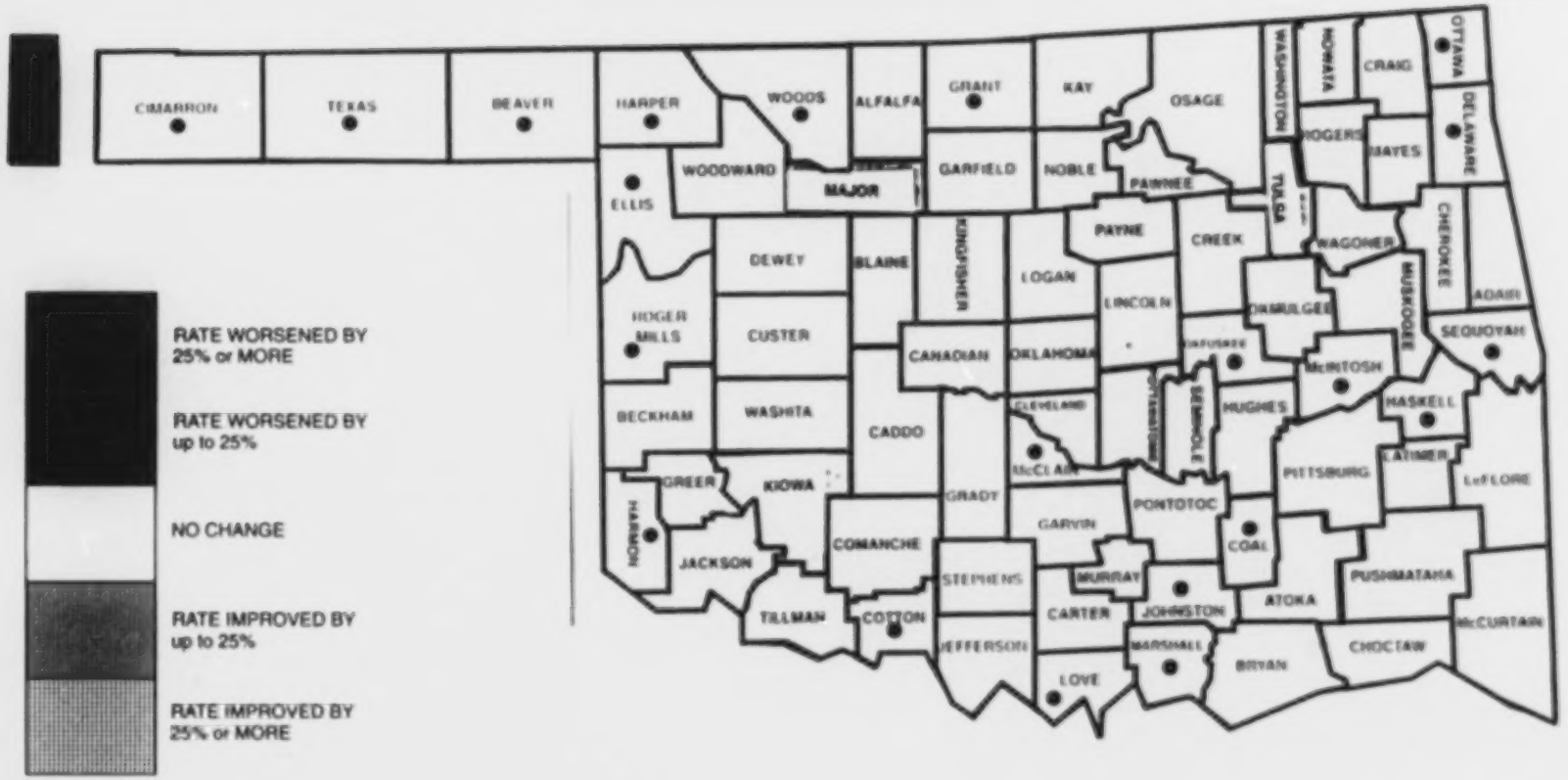
HOW DID OKLAHOMA'S CHILDREN FARE DURING THE 1980's?

KIDS COUNT BENCHMARK	OKLAHOMA TREND	COUNTY TRENDS
Child Population	Decreasing (2.1%)	57 counties decreased (74.0%) 20 counties increased (26.0%)
Low Birthweight Infants	Worsening (up 0.1%)	38 counties improved (49.4%) 1 county stayed even (1.3%) 38 counties worsened (49.4%)
Infant Mortality	Improving (down 14.4%)	51 counties improved (66.2%) 26 counties worsened (33.8%)
Births to Unmarried Teens	Worsening (up 36.8%)	6 counties improved (7.8%) 1 county stayed even (1.3%) 70 counties worsened (90.9%)
Child Abuse and Neglect	Worsening (up 16.1%)	30 counties improved (39.0%) 1 county stayed even (1.3%) 39 counties worsened (50.6%) 7 counties too small to calculate (9.1%)
Child Death	Improving (down 28.6%)	52 counties improved (67.5%) 25 counties worsened (32.5%)
Children Living in Poverty	Worsening (up 38.2%)	5 counties improved (6.5%) 72 counties worsened (93.5%)
Teens Not in School and Not a High School Graduate	Improving (down 15.1%)	66 counties improved (85.7%) 1 county stayed even (1.3%) 10 counties worsened (13.0%)
Juvenile Violent Crime	Worsening (up 88.1%)	23 counties improved (29.9%) 11 counties had no arrests (14.3%) 43 counties worsened (55.8%)

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

TRENDS IN AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT

1983-87 through 1988-92



INFANT MORTALITY

TRENDS IN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE per 1000 LIVE BIRTHS

1983-87 through 1988-92

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENAGERS
TRENDS IN AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT
1984-86 through 1989-91

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT CONFIRMATIONS

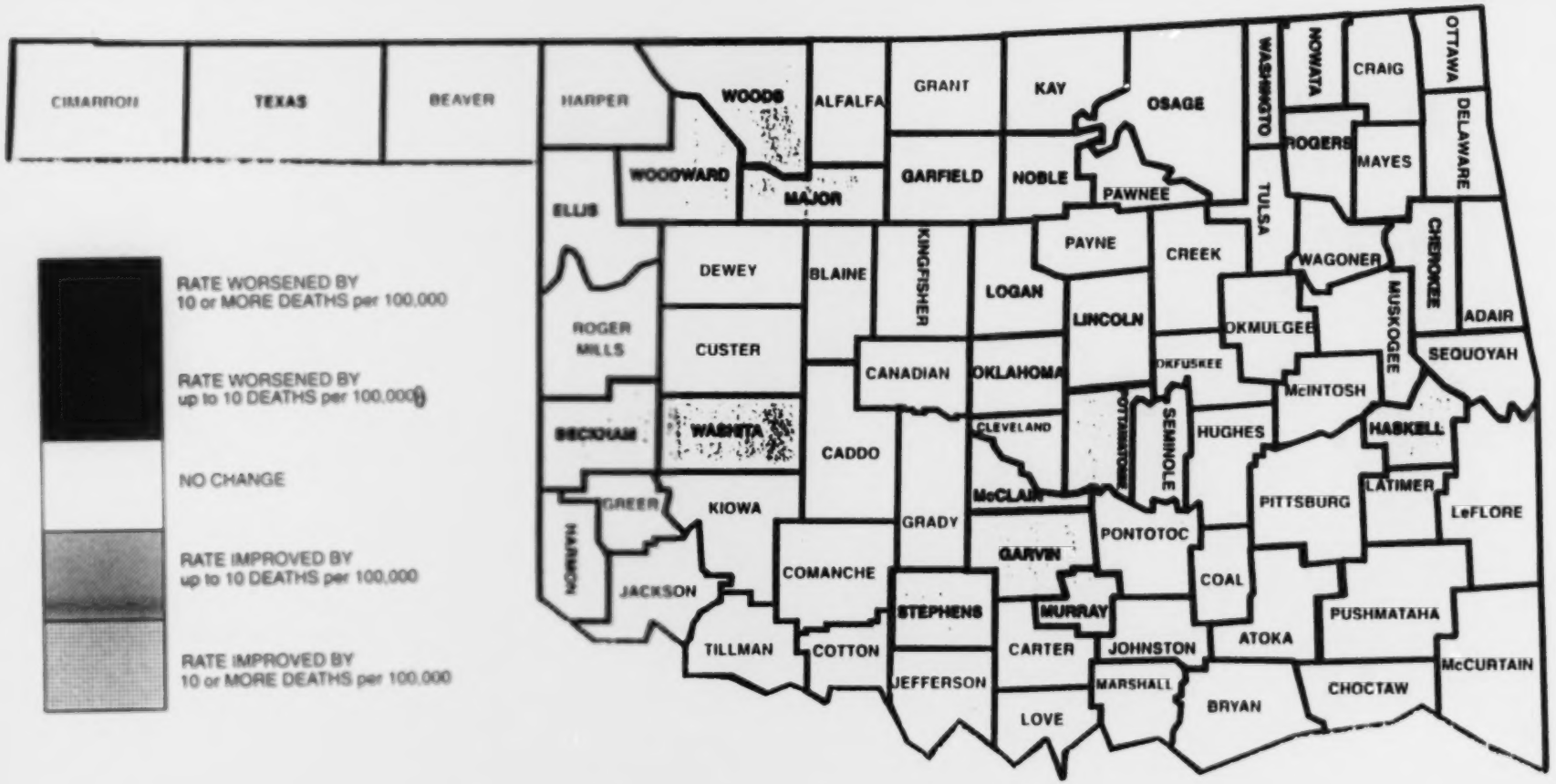
TRENDS IN NUMBER CONFIRMED EACH YEAR

1985 through 1993

CHILD DEATHS (Age 1 through 14)

TRENDS IN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE per 100,000 CHILDREN

1978-82 through 1988-92



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CHILD POVERTY

TRENDS IN RATE OF CHILDREN LIVING BELOW POVERTY
1980 to 1990

TEENS NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL and NOT A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

TRENDS IN RATE

JUVENILE ARRESTS for VIOLENT CRIMES

TRENDS IN RATE per 100,000 YOUTH AGE 10 through 17
1980 through 1990

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OKLAHOMA'S CHILDREN

More than 837,000 children live, play, work and go to school in Oklahoma. Children under the age of 18 comprise more than a quarter (26.6%) of the state's population. Both the number of children and the proportion of the population made up by children have declined over the last decade.

Oklahoma children are becoming more diverse. In 1980, only slightly more than eighteen percent (18.4%) of children under age 18 were non-white. By 1990, the rate of non-white children had risen to twenty-four percent. The entire population decrease among Oklahoma children was among Oklahoma children who are white. The proportion of the population accounted for by children of every other race increased during the 1980's.

American Indian children saw their numbers grow by almost 30,000, an increase of more than forty-five percent (45.5%). American Indians became more than eleven percent (11.2%) of the Oklahoma child population. As of 1990, American Indian children are the largest minority group of children in Oklahoma.

Black children increased their share of the child population to almost ten percent (9.6%). Because of the faster growth of the American Indian population between 1980 and 1990, Black children became the second largest minority group of children in Oklahoma.

Although small in numbers, Asian American children saw the most dramatic gains. Asian Americans under 18 years of age doubled their share by the time the 1990 population was counted.

• One-fourth of Oklahoma's children are racial or ethnic minorities.

• One-third of Oklahoma's children live in rural areas of the state.

• Almost one-fourth of Oklahoma's children live in a home with only one parent.

CHILDREN IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

Number and Percent by Race
Oklahoma, 1990

- 114,646 WHITE CHILDREN (18.0% OF ALL WHITE CHILDREN)
- 42,736 BLACK CHILDREN (53.2% OF ALL BLACK CHILDREN)
- 25,433 AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN (27.0% OF ALL AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN)
- 1,194 ASIAN CHILDREN (12.3% OF ALL ASIAN CHILDREN)
- 3,795 CHILDREN OF OTHER RACES (22.9% OF ALL CHILDREN OF OTHER RACES)
- 8,540 CHILDREN OF HISPANIC ORIGIN* (24.7% OF ALL CHILDREN OF HISPANIC ORIGIN)

* May be of any race

Children of Hispanic origin can be of any race. Members of this ethnic group are counted as white, Black, American Indian or some other category depending on the individual child's race. As a group, children of Hispanic origin increased more than forty-six percent (46.4%) during the 1980's, becoming more than four percent of the state's child population by 1990.

Two-thirds (66.7%) of Oklahoma's children live in urban communities. Most of the 558,000 urban children live in the 14 counties that make up the state's five metropolitan areas. About half of the state's children live in the two largest metropolitan areas – more than thirty percent in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area and almost twenty-three percent in the Tulsa metropolitan area.

Absolutely every Oklahoma county has areas which are rural. Eleven counties are entirely rural. Almost 280,000 children, a full third of the state's child population, live in Oklahoma rural areas.

Living in homes with just one parent became more common for Oklahoma children during the last decade. In 1980, about 145,000 children (less than 17%) lived in single-parent families. By 1990, another 43,000 children (more than 22%) lived in single-parent families. Rates for Black children in Oklahoma doubled with more than half (53.2%) living in homes with one parent. More than 58,000 preschool children (under age 6) number among those without two parents in their home.

An increasingly popular African proverb states "It takes a whole village to raise a child." A child's future can be shaped by the support provided from home and community. The capability of communities has become an important factor in Oklahoma's child development. Some families and children live in communities in which problems are intensely concentrated, creating additional obstacles and providing less support. Communities that are "severely distressed" can be pinpointed by identifying the ones which have significantly high rates in four out of five key indicators: poverty, female-headed families, high school dropouts, unemployment and reliance on welfare. In 16 Oklahoma counties there are 45 census tracts (or census blocks), in which more than 26,000 children live, that meet this criteria. Statewide, almost 32 of every 1,000 Oklahoma children live in such a community. More than half of these neighborhoods are in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties. The county recording the highest rate (Choctaw County) led the state with nearly 220 of every 1,000 children living in "severely distressed neighborhoods."

Oklahoma KIDS COUNT portrays life in Oklahoma for children. Some will face and overcome the challenges depicted in these pages. Others will fail. Each child is a precious resource Oklahoma cannot afford to lose.

CHILDREN LIVING IN SEVERELY DISTRESSED AREAS

Number & Rate of Children
Oklahoma and Counties, 1990

	Children under Age 18	Rate per 1000 Children
STATE TOTALS	26,635	31.8
Choctaw	942	218.7
McIntosh	682	174.1
McCurtain	1,491	150.7
Carter	1,704	145.6
Bryan	1,039	128.7
Okmulgee	891	91.2
Okfuskee	254	84.0
Pontotoc	563	66.0
Oklahoma	10,307	65.8
Muskogee	1,216	65.3
Comanche	1,501	47.6
Pottawatomie	682	43.0
Stephens	426	38.8
Grady	396	33.5
Tulsa	4,117	31.3
Canadian	421	18.7

• More than 26,000 Oklahoma children live in severely distressed neighborhoods.

CHILD POPULATION: Children in Rural and Urban Areas: 1990

	URBAN #	%	RURAL #	%
Adair County	812	14.4%	4,839	85.6%
Alfalfa County	0	0.0%	1,352	100.0%
Atoka County	909	27.4%	2,407	72.6%
Beaver County	0	0.0%	1,670	100.0%
Beckham County	3,800	71.9%	1,487	28.1%
Blaine County	987	31.1%	2,182	68.9%
Bryan County	2,998	37.1%	5,076	62.9%
Caddo County	1,944	23.0%	6,496	77.0%
Canadian County	19,369	86.2%	3,091	13.8%
Carter County	7,641	65.2%	4,080	34.8%
Cherokee County	2,485	26.9%	6,746	73.1%
Choctaw County	1,703	39.5%	2,605	60.5%
Cimarron County	0	0.0%	910	100.0%
Cleveland County	40,592	88.3%	5,387	11.7%
Coal County	0	0.0%	1,537	100.0%
Comanche County	26,216	83.2%	5,299	16.8%
Cotton County	666	39.2%	1,033	60.8%
Craig County	1,347	40.8%	1,954	59.2%
Creek County	6,743	39.4%	10,350	60.6%
Custer County	4,984	70.0%	2,131	30.0%
Delaware County	776	11.4%	6,030	88.6%
Dewey County	0	0.0%	1,463	100.0%
Ellis County	0	0.0%	1,178	100.0%
Garfield County	11,466	77.1%	3,412	22.9%
Garvin County	2,151	31.8%	4,612	68.2%
Grady County	4,622	39.1%	7,194	60.9%
Grant County	0	0.0%	1,432	100.0%
Greer County	760	57.9%	552	42.1%
Harmon County	737	70.8%	304	29.2%
Harper County	0	0.0%	1,032	100.0%
Haskell County	634	22.3%	2,206	77.7%
Hughes County	1,138	35.6%	2,061	64.4%
Jackson County	6,554	77.3%	1,924	22.7%
Jefferson County	0	0.0%	1,732	100.0%
Johnston County	804	30.0%	1,875	70.0%
Kay County	9,684	75.9%	3,069	24.1%
Kingfisher County	1,079	28.5%	2,705	71.5%
Kiowa County	1,158	38.3%	1,867	61.7%
Latimer County	761	27.2%	2,035	72.8%
Le Flore County	4,051	34.0%	7,873	66.0%
Lincoln County	1,246	15.2%	6,973	84.8%
Logan County	3,263	41.4%	4,627	58.6%
Love County	0	0.0%	2,047	100.0%
McClain County	2,167	34.4%	4,139	65.6%
McCurtain County	3,375	34.1%	6,519	65.9%
McIntosh County	1,445	36.9%	2,473	63.1%
Major County	778	35.8%	1,396	64.2%
Marshall County	754	30.7%	1,705	69.3%
Mayes County	2,172	23.9%	6,905	76.1%
Murray County	1,856	60.5%	1,211	39.5%
Muskogee County	11,162	59.9%	7,459	40.1%
Noble County	1,228	41.1%	1,757	58.9%
Nowata County	914	36.3%	1,606	63.7%
Okfuskee County	823	27.2%	2,201	72.8%
Oklahoma County	152,812	97.5%	3,878	2.5%
Okmulgee County	4,892	50.1%	4,874	49.9%
Osage County	3,788	32.8%	7,761	67.2%
Ottawa County	2,818	38.4%	4,514	61.6%
Pawnee County	800	19.1%	3,398	80.9%
Payne County	8,072	62.1%	4,925	37.9%
Pittsburg County	3,731	37.1%	6,333	62.9%
Pontotoc County	3,429	40.2%	5,102	59.8%
Pottawatomie County	8,242	52.0%	7,610	48.0%
Pushmataha County	604	21.5%	2,200	78.5%
Roger Mills County	0	0.0%	1,153	100.0%
Rogers County	4,685	29.9%	10,987	70.1%
Seminole County	2,812	41.6%	3,953	58.4%
Sequoyah County	2,794	29.0%	6,834	71.0%
Stephens County	6,607	60.1%	4,386	39.9%
Texas County	2,239	48.4%	2,383	51.6%
Tillman County	1,448	50.0%	1,447	50.0%
Tulsa County	125,510	95.4%	5,984	4.6%
Wagoner County	6,948	48.8%	7,281	51.2%
Washington County	9,654	77.7%	2,771	22.3%
Washita County	696	22.5%	2,393	77.5%
Woods County	1,113	56.7%	850	43.3%
Woodward County	3,605	67.6%	1,731	32.4%

CHILD POPULATION:
Number of Children and Children as Percent of Total Population, Oklahoma, 1980 and 1990

	1980 Number	1980 %	1990 Number	1990 %
STATE TOTALS	854,884	28.3%	837,007	26.6%
Adair County	6,163	33.2%	5,651	30.7%
Alfalfa County	1,788	25.3%	1,352	21.1%
Atoka County	3,488	27.4%	3,316	26.0%
Beaver County	2,026	29.8%	1,670	27.7%
Beckham County	5,255	27.3%	5,287	28.1%
Blaine County	3,805	28.3%	3,169	27.6%
Bryan County	8,106	26.5%	8,074	25.2%
Caddo County	9,366	30.3%	8,440	28.6%
Canadian County	18,662	33.1%	22,460	30.2%
Carter County	12,441	28.5%	11,721	27.3%
Cherokee County	9,066	29.5%	9,231	27.1%
Choctaw County	5,204	30.3%	4,308	28.2%
Cimarron County	1,056	28.9%	910	27.6%
Cleveland County	37,910	28.5%	45,979	26.4%
Coal County	1,737	28.8%	1,537	26.6%
Comanche County	34,206	30.4%	31,515	28.3%
Cotton County	2,006	27.3%	1,699	25.5%
Craig County	3,900	26.0%	3,301	23.4%
Creek County	18,204	30.8%	17,093	28.1%
Custer County	6,629	25.5%	7,115	26.5%
Delaware County	6,642	27.7%	6,806	24.2%
Dewey County	1,575	26.6%	1,463	26.4%
Ellis County	1,547	27.6%	1,178	26.2%
Garfield County	17,302	27.5%	14,878	26.2%
Garvin County	7,566	27.2%	6,763	25.4%
Grady County	11,810	29.9%	11,816	28.3%
Grant County	1,605	24.6%	1,432	25.2%
Greer County	1,522	21.7%	1,312	20.0%
Harmon County	1,224	27.1%	1,041	27.4%
Harper County	1,190	25.2%	1,032	25.4%
Haskell County	3,101	28.2%	2,840	26.0%
Hughes County	3,776	26.3%	3,199	24.6%
Jackson County	9,469	31.2%	8,478	29.5%
Jefferson County	2,268	27.3%	1,732	24.7%
Johnston County	2,922	28.2%	2,679	26.7%
Kay County	13,168	26.4%	12,753	26.5%
Kingfisher County	4,193	29.6%	3,784	28.6%
Kiowa County	3,284	25.8%	3,025	26.7%
Latimer County	2,759	28.0%	2,796	27.1%
Le Flore County	12,250	30.1%	11,924	27.6%
Lincoln County	7,896	29.7%	8,219	28.1%
Logan County	7,837	29.2%	7,890	27.2%

	1980 Number	1980 %	1990 Number	1990 %
Love County	2,142	28.7%	2,047	25.1%
McClain County	2,494	28.4%	6,306	27.7%
McCurtain County	2,618	24.8%	9,894	29.6%
McIntosh County	9,574	29.7%	3,918	23.4%
Major County	6,284	31.0%	2,174	27.0%
Marshall County	12,011	33.2%	2,459	22.7%
Mayes County	3,939	25.3%	9,077	27.2%
Murray County	3,464	28.5%	3,067	25.5%
Muskogee County	19,476	29.1%	18,621	27.4%
Noble County	3,210	27.7%	2,985	27.0%
Nowata County	3,160	27.5%	2,520	25.2%
Okfuskee County	3,252	29.2%	3,024	26.2%
Oklahoma County	156,315	27.5%	156,690	26.1%
Okmulgee County	10,761	27.5%	9,766	26.8%
Osage County	11,351	28.9%	11,549	27.7%
Ottawa County	9,006	27.4%	7,332	24.0%
Pawnee County	4,315	28.2%	4,198	27.0%
Payne County	12,676	20.3%	12,997	21.1%
Pittsburg County	10,947	27.0%	10,064	24.8%
Pontotoc County	8,368	25.7%	8,531	25.0%
Pottawatomie County	15,777	28.6%	15,852	27.0%
Pushmataha County	3,419	29.0%	2,804	25.5%
Roger Mills County	1,347	28.1%	1,153	27.6%
Rogers County	14,905	32.1%	15,672	28.4%

	1980 Number	1980 %	1990 Number	1990 %
Seminole County	7,815	28.5%	6,765	26.6%
Sequoyah County	9,973	32.4%	9,628	28.5%
Stephens County	11,809	27.2%	10,993	26.0%
Texas County	5,370	30.3%	4,622	28.2%
Tillman County	3,703	29.9%	2,895	27.9%
Tulsa County	129,514	27.5%	131,494	26.1%
Wagoner County	14,372	34.4%	14,229	29.7%
Washington County	12,910	26.8%	12,425	25.8%
Washita County	3,829	27.8%	3,089	27.0%
Woods County	2,380	21.8%	1,963	21.6%
Woodward County	6,474	30.6%	5,336	28.1%

- ***Oklahoma's 837,007 children account for 26.6% of the state's population.***

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CHILD POPULATION: Number and Percent of Children by Race of Origin, Oklahoma and Counties, 1980 and 1990

	WHITE CHILDREN				BLACK CHILDREN				AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN				ASIAN CHILDREN			
	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate
Adair County	3,520	57.1%	2,465	43.6%	1	0.0%	4	0.1%	2,600	42.2%	3,132	55.4%	11	0.2%	3	0.1%
Alfalfa County	1,700	95.1%	1,283	94.9%	36	2.0%	3	0.2%	36	2.0%	46	3.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Atoka County	2,800	80.3%	2,521	76.0%	152	4.4%	190	5.7%	526	15.1%	591	17.8%	8	0.2%	1	0.0%
Beaver County	1,973	97.4%	1,546	92.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27	1.3%	28	1.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Beckham County	4,839	92.1%	4,716	89.2%	156	3.0%	169	3.2%	98	1.9%	170	3.2%	14	0.3%	22	0.4%
Blaine County	3,113	81.8%	2,437	76.9%	190	5.0%	175	5.5%	441	11.6%	472	14.9%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Bryan County	7,098	87.6%	6,205	76.9%	121	1.5%	100	1.2%	816	10.1%	1,670	20.7%	20	0.2%	31	0.4%
Caddo County	6,278	67.0%	5,145	61.0%	348	3.7%	231	2.7%	2,552	27.2%	2,764	32.7%	27	0.3%	23	0.3%
Canadian County	17,230	92.3%	19,893	88.6%	392	2.1%	522	2.3%	793	4.2%	1,290	5.7%	105	0.6%	481	2.1%
Carter County	9,851	79.2%	8,765	74.8%	1,442	11.6%	1,334	11.4%	993	8.0%	1,423	12.1%	55	0.4%	66	0.6%
Cherokee County	5,712	63.0%	4,740	51.3%	97	1.1%	125	1.4%	3,192	35.2%	4,284	46.4%	15	0.2%	22	0.2%
Choctaw County	3,575	68.7%	2,654	61.6%	907	17.4%	713	16.6%	701	13.5%	903	21.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.2%
Cimarron County	947	89.7%	812	89.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16	1.5%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	5	0.5%
Cleveland County	34,910	92.1%	39,909	86.8%	476	1.3%	1,469	3.2%	1,493	3.9%	3,059	6.7%	420	1.1%	914	2.0%
Coal County	1,435	82.6%	1,130	73.5%	11	0.6%	11	0.7%	284	16.4%	390	25.4%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Comanche County	24,053	70.3%	20,657	65.5%	5,920	17.3%	6,776	21.5%	1,956	5.7%	1,918	6.1%	605	1.8%	884	2.8%
Cotton County	1,719	85.7%	1,409	82.9%	56	2.8%	51	3.0%	198	9.9%	166	9.8%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%
Craig County	3,131	80.3%	2,278	69.0%	139	3.6%	103	3.1%	613	15.7%	908	27.5%	9	0.2%	6	0.2%
Creek County	15,949	87.6%	14,384	84.2%	768	4.2%	613	3.6%	1,349	7.4%	1,967	11.5%	42	0.2%	51	0.3%
Custer County	5,529	83.4%	5,558	78.1%	330	5.0%	312	4.4%	496	7.5%	682	9.6%	37	0.6%	42	0.6%
Delaware County	4,534	68.3%	4,132	60.7%	0	0.0%	6	0.1%	2,058	31.0%	2,627	38.6%	9	0.1%	19	0.3%
Dewey County	1,422	90.3%	1,303	89.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	125	7.9%	139	9.5%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Ellis County	1,531	99.0%	1,120	95.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.3%	13	0.8%	23	2.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.5%
Garfield County	15,925	92.0%	13,313	89.5%	816	4.7%	708	4.8%	255	1.5%	490	3.3%	122	0.7%	183	1.2%
Garvin County	6,804	89.9%	5,754	85.1%	287	3.8%	238	3.5%	418	5.5%	703	10.4%	21	0.3%	17	0.3%
Grady County	10,691	90.5%	10,265	86.9%	545	4.6%	541	4.6%	401	3.4%	829	7.0%	26	0.2%	46	0.4%
Grant County	1,582	98.6%	1,379	96.3%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	21	1.3%	29	2.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
Greer County	1,321	86.8%	1,083	82.5%	109	7.2%	102	7.8%	22	1.4%	34	2.6%	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Harmon County	864	70.6%	627	60.2%	153	12.5%	128	12.3%	12	1.0%	18	1.7%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Harper County	1,173	98.6%	990	95.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	6	0.5%	12	1.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.3%
Haskell County	2,710	87.4%	2,202	77.5%	27	0.9%	32	1.1%	357	11.5%	589	20.7%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
Hughes County	2,829	74.9%	2,244	70.1%	154	4.1%	115	3.6%	778	20.6%	827	25.9%	4	0.1%	4	0.1%
Jackson County	7,257	76.6%	6,167	72.7%	1,143	12.1%	1,057	12.5%	126	1.3%	187	2.2%	58	0.6%	130	1.5%
Jefferson County	2,076	91.5%	1,478	85.3%	15	0.7%	11	0.6%	75	3.3%	123	7.1%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%
Johnston County	2,363	80.9%	1,982	74.0%	91	3.1%	62	2.3%	455	15.6%	608	22.7%	4	0.1%	5	0.2%
Kay County	11,597	88.1%	10,738	84.2%	291	2.2%	310	2.4%	1,085	8.2%	1,490	11.7%	59	0.4%	100	0.8%

CHILDREN of OTHER RACES 1980	Rate	1990	Rate	CHILDREN of HISPANIC ORIGIN 1980	Rate	1990	Rate
13,566	**1.6%**	**16,557**	**2.0%**	**23,833**	**2.8%**	**34,618**	**4.1%**
31	0.5%	47	0.8%	78	1.3%	130	2.3%
16	0.9%	19	1.4%	47	2.6%	30	2.2%
2	0.1%	13	0.4%	13	0.4%	31	0.9%
26	1.3%	95	5.7%	64	3.2%	137	8.2%
148	2.8%	210	4.0%	267	5.1%	366	6.9%
61	1.6%	80	2.5%	87	2.3%	135	4.3%
51	0.6%	68	0.8%	151	1.9%	208	2.6%
161	1.7%	277	3.3%	462	4.9%	620	7.3%
142	0.8%	274	1.2%	345	1.8%	741	3.3%
100	0.8%	133	1.1%	188	1.5%	346	3.0%
50	0.6%	60	0.6%	115	1.3%	219	2.4%
21	0.4%	29	0.7%	93	1.8%	81	1.9%
93	8.8%	86	9.5%	153	14.5%	169	18.6%
611	1.6%	628	1.4%	1,020	2.7%	1,718	3.7%
7	0.4%	5	0.3%	15	0.9%	15	1.0%
1,672	4.9%	1,280	4.1%	2,283	6.7%	2,517	8.0%
33	1.6%	71	4.2%	72	3.6%	97	5.7%
8	0.2%	6	0.2%	47	1.2%	30	0.9%
96	0.5%	78	0.5%	251	1.4%	273	1.6%
237	3.6%	521	7.3%	367	5.5%	723	10.2%
41	0.6%	22	0.3%	100	1.5%	95	1.4%
28	1.8%	18	1.2%	33	2.1%	31	2.1%
3	0.2%	26	2.2%	25	1.6%	61	5.2%
184	1.1%	184	1.2%	270	1.6%	428	2.9%
36	0.5%	51	0.8%	101	1.3%	138	2.0%
147	1.2%	135	1.1%	238	2.0%	332	2.8%
2	0.1%	18	1.3%	23	1.4%	27	1.9%
70	4.6%	90	6.9%	116	7.6%	136	10.4%
195	15.9%	266	25.6%	236	19.3%	301	28.9%
11	0.9%	26	2.5%	4	0.3%	35	3.4%
7	0.2%	14	0.5%	27	0.9%	38	1.3%
11	0.3%	9	0.3%	56	1.5%	56	1.8%
885	9.3%	937	11.1%	1,307	13.8%	1,468	17.3%
102	4.5%	115	6.6%	150	6.6%	132	7.6%
9	0.3%	22	0.8%	42	1.4%	56	2.1%
136	1.0%	115	0.9%	295	2.2%	360	2.8%

	WHITE CHILDREN				BLACK CHILDREN				AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN				ASIAN CHILDREN			
	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate	1980	Rate	1990	Rate
Kingfisher County	3,882	92.6%	3,390	89.6%	119	2.8%	91	2.4%	139	3.3%	144	3.8%	10	0.2%	5	0.1%
Kiowa County	2,646	80.6%	2,258	74.6%	224	6.8%	281	9.3%	214	6.5%	302	10.0%	0	0.0%	15	0.5%
Latimer County	2,142	77.6%	2,116	75.7%	20	0.7%	40	1.4%	573	20.8%	599	21.4%	6	0.2%	10	0.4%
Le Flore County	10,652	87.0%	9,534	80.0%	343	2.8%	303	2.5%	1,152	9.4%	2,000	16.8%	27	0.2%	39	0.3%
Lincoln County	7,211	91.3%	7,171	87.2%	254	3.2%	247	3.0%	369	4.7%	725	8.8%	7	0.1%	16	0.2%
Logan County	6,503	83.0%	6,458	81.9%	1,095	14.0%	933	11.8%	130	1.7%	334	4.2%	21	0.3%	28	0.4%
Love County	1,885	88.0%	1,659	81.0%	84	3.9%	79	3.9%	145	6.8%	203	9.9%	0	0.0%	4	0.2%
McClain County	2,424	97.2%	5,575	88.4%	0	0.0%	62	1.0%	50	2.0%	549	8.7%	10	0.4%	15	0.2%
McCurtain County	2,253	86.1%	6,460	65.3%	67	2.6%	1,304	13.2%	286	10.9%	2,025	20.5%	0	0.0%	35	0.4%
McIntosh County	7,703	80.5%	2,453	62.6%	43	0.4%	271	6.9%	1,761	18.4%	1,173	29.9%	12	0.1%	5	0.1%
Major County	5,895	93.8%	2,071	95.3%	49	0.8%	1	0.0%	280	4.5%	69	3.2%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%
Marshall County	8,855	73.7%	1,949	79.3%	1,513	12.6%	62	2.5%	1,564	13.0%	388	15.8%	21	0.2%	4	0.2%
Mayes County	2,967	75.3%	6,671	73.5%	301	7.6%	16	0.2%	657	16.7%	2,329	25.7%	6	0.2%	28	0.3%
Murray County	3,020	87.2%	2,418	78.8%	73	2.1%	78	2.5%	351	10.1%	535	17.4%	15	0.4%	5	0.2%
Muskogee County	14,056	72.2%	11,876	63.8%	3,238	16.6%	3,088	16.6%	2,022	10.4%	3,408	18.3%	55	0.3%	98	0.5%
Noble County	2,786	86.8%	2,513	84.2%	85	2.6%	70	2.3%	304	9.5%	375	12.6%	6	0.2%	10	0.3%
Nowata County	2,607	82.5%	1,788	71.0%	164	5.2%	116	4.6%	381	12.1%	609	24.2%	0	0.0%	4	0.2%
Okfuskee County	2,119	65.2%	1,750	57.9%	440	13.5%	310	10.3%	641	19.7%	952	31.5%	7	0.2%	5	0.2%
Oklahoma County	119,381	76.4%	107,971	68.9%	26,422	16.9%	31,806	20.3%	5,140	3.3%	8,197	5.2%	1,881	1.2%	3,399	2.2%
Okmulgee County	7,697	71.5%	6,572	67.3%	1,651	15.3%	1,431	14.7%	1,318	12.2%	1,688	17.3%	17	0.2%	21	0.2%
Osage County	8,325	73.3%	7,699	66.7%	1,108	9.8%	1,385	12.0%	1,795	15.8%	2,361	20.4%	54	0.5%	33	0.3%
Ottawa County	7,279	80.8%	5,191	70.8%	11	0.1%	16	0.2%	1,638	18.2%	2,004	27.3%	24	0.3%	38	0.5%
Pawnee County	3,849	89.2%	3,530	84.1%	45	1.0%	37	0.9%	393	9.1%	614	14.6%	13	0.3%	9	0.2%
Payne County	11,313	89.2%	11,249	86.6%	463	3.7%	519	4.0%	522	4.1%	882	6.8%	119	0.9%	254	2.0%
Pittsburg County	9,198	84.0%	7,641	75.9%	485	4.4%	416	4.1%	1,162	10.6%	1,892	18.8%	36	0.3%	45	0.4%
Pontotoc County	7,118	85.1%	6,344	74.4%	306	3.7%	268	3.1%	879	10.5%	1,833	21.5%	22	0.3%	22	0.3%
Pottawatomie County	13,533	85.8%	12,353	77.9%	385	2.4%	482	3.0%	1,676	10.6%	2,805	17.7%	60	0.4%	107	0.7%
Pushmataha County	2,882	84.3%	2,145	76.5%	25	0.7%	32	1.1%	497	14.5%	608	21.7%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Roger Mills County	1,201	89.2%	1,069	92.7%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%	132	9.8%	69	6.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Rogers County	13,044	87.5%	12,697	81.0%	156	1.0%	137	0.9%	1,598	10.7%	2,713	17.3%	35	0.2%	54	0.3%
Seminole County	5,495	70.3%	4,372	64.6%	719	9.2%	644	9.5%	1,559	19.9%	1,698	25.1%	12	0.2%	11	0.2%
Sequoyah County	7,809	78.3%	6,734	69.9%	308	3.1%	276	2.9%	1,818	18.2%	2,567	26.7%	10	0.1%	23	0.2%
Stephens County	10,813	91.6%	9,616	87.5%	385	3.3%	358	3.3%	362	3.1%	651	5.9%	63	0.5%	68	0.6%
Texas County	4,979	92.7%	4,114	89.0%	9	0.2%	14	0.3%	50	0.9%	62	1.3%	18	0.3%	19	0.4%
Tillman County	2,478	66.9%	1,886	65.1%	494	13.3%	395	13.6%	152	4.1%	130	4.5%	13	0.4%	8	0.3%
Tulsa County	103,541	79.9%	101,939	77.5%	16,788	13.0%	17,344	13.2%	6,771	5.2%	8,649	6.6%	1,008	0.8%	1,901	1.4%
Wagoner County	12,414	86.4%	11,646	81.8%	672	4.7%	690	4.8%	1,175	8.2%	1,724	12.1%	17	0.1%	73	0.5%
Washington County	11,353	87.9%	10,385	83.6%	426	3.3%	440	3.5%	934	7.2%	1,344	10.8%	79	0.6%	164	1.3%
Washita County	3,646	95.2%	2,870	92.9%	26	0.7%	3	0.1%	63	1.6%	115	3.7%	12	0.3%	14	0.5%
Woods County	2,298	96.6%	1,874	95.5%	6	0.3%	7	0.4%	21	0.9%	49	2.5%	5	0.2%	10	0.5%
Woodward County	6,308	97.4%	4,999	93.7%	2	0.0%	15	0.3%	82	1.3%	164	3.1%	20	0.3%	27	0.5%

CHILDREN of OTHER RACES				CHILDREN of HISPANIC ORIGIN			
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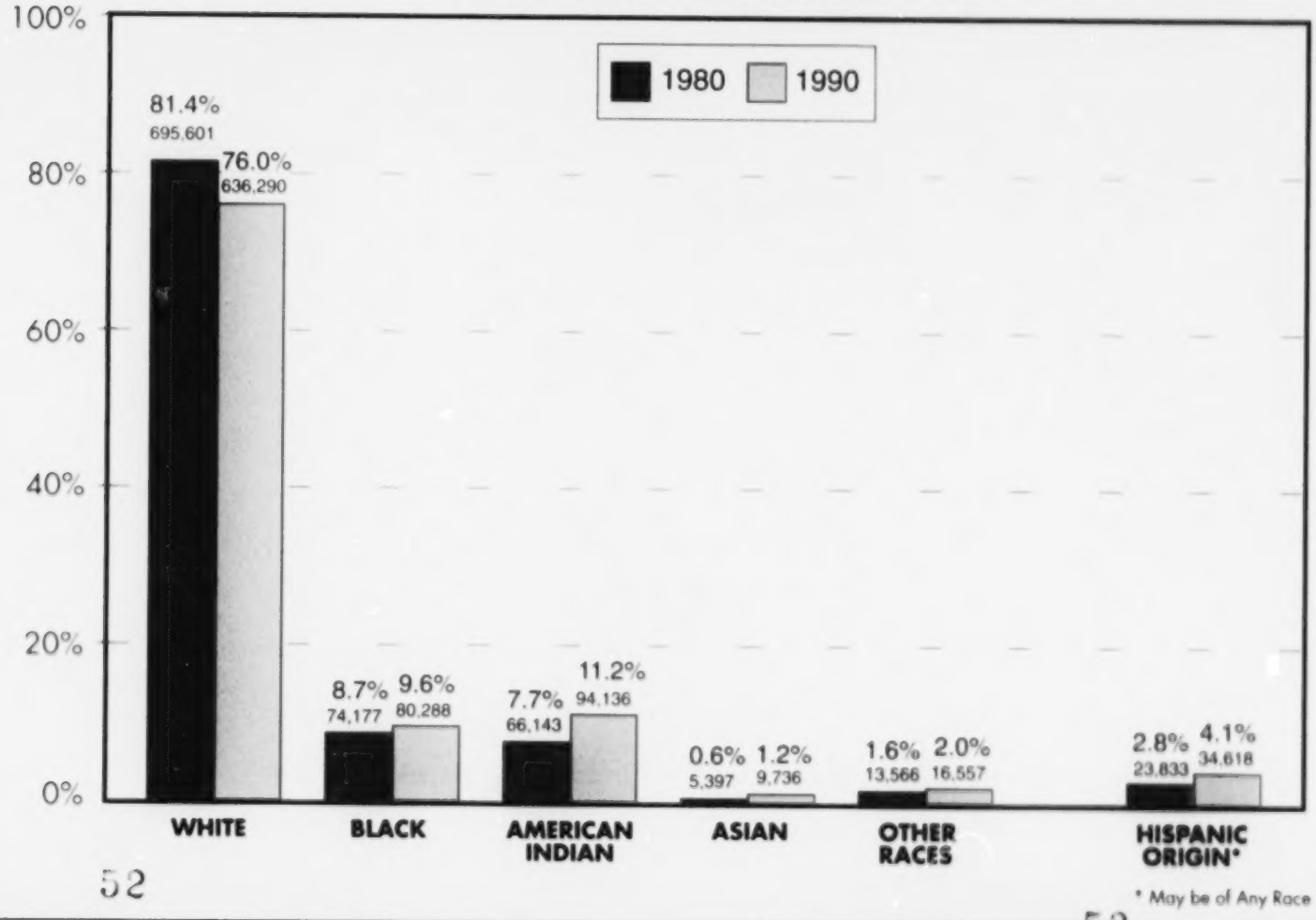
43	1.0%	154	4.1%	68	1.6%	197	5.2%
200	6.1%	169	5.6%	258	7.9%	257	8.5%
18	0.7%	31	1.1%	32	1.2%	51	1.8%
76	0.6%	48	0.4%	139	1.1%	181	1.5%
55	0.7%	60	0.7%	113	1.4%	142	1.7%
88	1.1%	137	1.7%	172	2.2%	247	3.1%
28	1.3%	102	5.0%	41	1.9%	144	7.0%
10	0.4%	105	1.7%	42	1.7%	262	4.2%
12	0.5%	70	0.7%	32	1.2%	186	1.9%
55	0.6%	16	0.4%	142	1.5%	68	1.7%
55	0.9%	31	1.4%	106	1.7%	59	2.7%
58	0.5%	56	2.3%	164	1.4%	113	4.6%
8	0.2%	33	0.4%	20	0.5%	120	1.3%
5	0.1%	31	1.0%	34	1.0%	79	2.6%
105	0.5%	151	0.8%	291	1.5%	348	1.9%
29	0.9%	17	0.6%	43	1.3%	56	1.9%
8	0.3%	3	0.1%	24	0.8%	29	1.2%
45	1.4%	7	0.2%	23	0.7%	49	1.6%
3,491	2.2%	5,317	3.4%	5,717	3.7%	10,199	6.5%
78	0.7%	54	0.6%	196	1.8%	173	1.8%
69	0.6%	71	0.6%	213	1.9%	276	2.4%
54	0.6%	83	1.1%	107	1.2%	154	2.1%
15	0.3%	8	0.2%	37	0.9%	50	1.2%
259	2.0%	93	0.7%	311	2.5%	249	1.9%
66	0.6%	70	0.7%	173	1.6%	196	1.9%
43	0.5%	64	0.8%	98	1.2%	180	2.1%
123	0.8%	105	0.7%	287	1.8%	426	2.7%
15	0.4%	14	0.5%	35	1.0%	63	2.2%
14	1.0%	11	1.0%	40	3.0%	31	2.7%
72	0.5%	71	0.5%	206	1.4%	262	1.7%
30	0.4%	40	0.6%	99	1.3%	165	2.4%
28	0.3%	28	0.3%	88	0.9%	114	1.2%
186	1.6%	300	2.7%	267	2.3%	440	4.0%
314	5.8%	413	8.9%	671	12.5%	685	14.8%
566	15.3%	476	16.4%	650	17.6%	632	21.8%
1,406	1.1%	1,661	1.3%	2,888	2.2%	4,398	3.3%
94	0.7%	96	0.7%	219	1.5%	275	1.9%
118	0.9%	92	0.7%	272	2.1%	289	2.3%
82	2.1%	87	2.8%	161	4.2%	184	6.0%
50	2.1%	23	1.2%	65	2.7%	47	2.4%
62	1.0%	131	2.5%	148	2.3%	262	4.9%

CHILD POPULATION

Number & Percent of Children by Race of Origin
1980 and 1990, Oklahoma



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CHILD POPULATION: Number and Percent of Children in Single Parent Families by Age: 1990

	Children under 6		Children 6 to 18		ALL CHILDREN	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
STATE TOTALS	38,117	21.2%	129,447	23.1%	167,564	22.6%
Adair County	399	22.9%	887	22.7%	1,286	22.8%
Alfalfa County	49	12.1%	131	13.8%	180	13.3%
Atoka County	218	22.3%	516	22.1%	734	22.1%
Beaver County	54	11.5%	130	10.8%	184	11.0%
Beckham County	368	21.6%	768	21.4%	1,136	21.5%
Blaine County	198	19.0%	427	20.1%	625	19.7%
Bryan County	546	21.0%	1,315	24.0%	1,861	23.0%
Caddo County	708	26.8%	1,535	26.5%	2,243	26.6%
Canadian County	913	12.9%	2,577	16.7%	3,490	15.5%
Carter County	856	23.5%	2,031	25.2%	2,887	24.6%
Cherokee County	733	24.3%	1,489	24.0%	2,222	24.1%
Choctaw County	425	32.2%	840	28.1%	1,265	29.4%
Cimarron County	19	7.1%	86	13.4%	105	11.5%
Cleveland County	2,283	15.1%	6,106	19.8%	8,389	18.2%
Coal County	100	22.6%	230	21.0%	330	21.5%
Comanche County	2,330	20.6%	4,841	24.0%	7,171	22.8%
Cotton County	88	17.55	238	19.9%	326	19.2%
Craig County	186	18.7%	431	18.7%	617	18.7%
Creek County	946	17.6%	2,232	19.1%	3,178	18.6%
Custer County	452	19.4%	950	19.8%	1,402	19.7%
Delaware County	415	19.8%	962	20.4%	1,377	20.2%
Dewey County	46	11.1%	152	14.5%	198	13.5%
Ellis County	58	19.2%	140	16.0%	198	16.8%
Garfield County	828	17.5%	2,161	21.3%	2,989	20.1%
Garvin County	411	20.75	1,000	20.9%	1,411	20.9%
Grady County	652	18.1%	1,593	19.4%	2,245	19.0%
Grant County	53	11.0%	116	12.2%	169	11.8%
Greer County	89	22.6%	210	22.9%	299	22.8%
Harmon County	66	19.9%	141	19.9%	207	19.9%
Harper County	32	11.6%	85	11.3%	117	11.3%
Haskell County	172	20.7%	371	18.5%	543	19.1%
Hughes County	224	24.9%	643	27.9%	867	27.1%
Jackson County	639	20.4%	1,235	23.1%	1,874	22.1%
Jefferson County	77	15.5%	236	19.1%	313	18.1%
Johnston County	185	24.3%	405	21.1%	590	22.0%
Kay County	703	16.8%	1,504	17.6%	2,207	17.3%
Kingfisher County	129	10.8%	354	13.7%	483	12.8%
Kiowa County	277	28.7%	551	26.7%	828	27.4%
Latimer County	175	20.7%	395	20.2%	570	20.4%
Le Flore County	762	20.6%	1,669	20.3%	2,431	20.4%
Lincoln County	345	14.3%	953	16.4%	1,298	15.8%
Logan County	441	18.4%	1,110	20.2%	1,551	19.7%
Love County	111	18.5%	257	17.7%	368	18.0%
McClain County	235	13.0%	650	14.4%	885	14.0%
McCurtain County	944	30.3%	1,891	27.9%	2,835	28.7%
McIntosh County	287	24.8%	697	25.2%	984	25.1%
Major County	61	9.5%	210	13.7%	271	12.5%
Marshall County	129	17.1%	361	21.2%	490	19.9%
Mayes County	491	17.3%	1,119	17.9%	1,610	17.7%
Murray County	181	20.5%	431	19.7%	612	20.0%
Muskogee County	1,518	26.1%	3,206	25.0%	4,724	25.4%
Noble County	142	15.1%	330	16.1%	472	15.8%
Nowata County	144	19.0%	310	17.6%	454	18.0%
Okfuskee County	228	25.5%	479	22.5%	707	23.4%
Oklahoma County	14,851	26.8%	30,089	29.7%	44,940	28.7%
Okmulgee County	880	27.8%	1,773	26.9%	2,653	27.2%
Osage County	711	20.0%	1,518	19.0%	2,229	19.3%
Ottawa County	498	21.6%	1,143	22.7%	1,641	22.4%
Pawnee County	172	13.1%	536	18.6%	708	16.9%
Payne County	731	16.8%	1,814	21.0%	2,545	19.6%
Pittsburg County	711	24.0%	1,559	21.9%	2,270	22.6%
Pontotoc County	564	21.0%	1,405	24.1%	1,969	23.1%
Pottawatomie County	1,013	21.0%	2,354	21.4%	3,367	21.2%
Pushmataha County	156	18.5%	369	18.8%	525	18.7%
Roger Mills County	40	12.0%	111	13.6%	151	13.1%
Rogers County	611	12.4%	1,705	15.9%	2,316	14.8%
Seminole County	512	25.6%	1,253	26.3%	1,765	26.1%
Sequoyah County	717	24.1%	1,538	23.1%	2,255	23.4%
Stephens County	557	17.1%	1,413	18.3%	1,970	17.9%
Texas County	217	15.5%	534	16.6%	751	16.2%
Tillman County	202	22.5%	455	22.8%	657	22.7%
Tulsa County	10,126	21.7%	21,933	25.8%	32,059	24.4%
Wagoner County	576	13.7%	1,702	17.0%	2,278	16.0%
Washington County	679	17.1%	1,574	18.6%	2,253	18.1%
Washita County	143	15.1%	320	14.9%	463	15.0%
Woods County	79	12.5%	222	16.7%	301	15.3%
Woodward County	250	15.6%	680	18.2%	930	17.4%

CHILD POPULATION: Number and Percent of Children in Single Parent Families by Race, Oklahoma and Counties, 1980 and 1990

	TOTAL CHILDREN				WHITE CHILDREN				BLACK CHILDREN				AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN			
	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%
STATE TOTALS	144,707	16.9%	187,804	22.4	92,509	13.3%	114,646	18.0%	34,457	46.5%	42,736	53.2%	14,766	22.3%	25,433	27.0%
Adair County	1,036	16.8%	1,286	22.8%	426	12.1%	460	18.7%	0	–	2	–	603	23.2%	814	26.0%
Alfalfa County	154	8.6%	180	13.3%	142	8.4%	161	12.5%	2	5.6%	0	–	6	16.7%	11	23.9%
Atoka County	557	16.0%	734	22.1%	374	13.4%	456	18.1%	69	45.4%	112	58.9%	109	20.7%	163	27.6%
Beaver County	162	8.0%	184	11.0%	156	7.9%	173	11.2%	0	n/a	0	n/a	6	22.2%	1	3.6%
Beckham County	711	13.5%	1,136	21.5%	571	11.8%	912	19.3%	88	56.4%	120	71.0%	23	23.5%	61	35.9%
Blaine County	579	15.2%	625	19.7%	355	11.4%	339	13.9%	69	36.3%	83	47.4%	146	33.1%	188	39.8%
Bryan County	1,348	16.6%	1,861	23.0%	1,083	15.3%	1,341	21.6%	68	56.2%	63	63.0%	184	22.5%	430	25.7%
Caddo County	1,599	17.1%	2,243	26.6%	666	10.6%	928	18.0%	153	44.0%	120	51.9%	759	29.7%	1,139	41.2%
Canadian County	1,918	10.3%	3,490	15.5%	1,580	9.2%	2,807	14.1%	186	47.4%	264	50.6%	129	16.3%	330	25.6%
Carter County	2,250	18.1%	2,887	24.6%	1,225	12.4%	1,664	19.0%	778	54.0%	771	57.8%	232	23.4%	403	28.3%
Cherokee County	1,592	17.6%	2,222	24.1%	866	15.2%	968	20.4%	37	38.1%	81	64.8%	679	21.3%	1,159	27.1%
Choctaw County	1,043	20.0%	1,265	29.4%	464	13.0%	587	22.1%	466	51.4%	430	60.3%	109	15.5%	236	26.1%
Cimarron County	113	10.7%	105	11.5%	92	9.7%	90	11.1%	0	n/a	0	–	4	25.0%	3	42.9%
Cleveland County	5,134	13.5%	8,389	18.2%	4,569	13.1%	6,912	17.3%	156	32.8%	543	37.0%	317	21.2%	742	24.3%
Coal County	287	16.5%	330	21.5%	246	17.1%	235	20.8%	1	9.1%	3	27.3%	39	13.7%	91	23.3%
Comanche County	6,381	18.7%	7,171	22.8%	3,319	13.8%	3,668	17.8%	2,225	37.6%	2,523	37.2%	512	26.2%	599	31.2%
Cotton County	325	16.2%	326	19.2%	210	12.2%	237	16.8%	32	57.1%	25	49.0%	76	38.4%	53	31.9%
Craig County	504	12.9%	617	18.7%	367	11.7%	393	17.3%	39	28.1%	34	33.0%	98	16.0%	185	20.4%
Creek County	2,400	13.2%	3,178	18.6%	1,827	11.5%	2,408	16.7%	336	43.8%	308	50.2%	213	15.8%	444	22.6%
Custer County	959	14.5%	1,402	19.7%	630	11.4%	862	15.5%	130	39.4%	185	59.3%	148	29.8%	234	34.3%
Delaware County	998	15.0%	1,377	20.2%	551	12.2%	736	17.8%	0	n/a	2	33.3%	440	21.4%	628	23.9%
Dewey County	199	12.6%	198	13.5%	156	11.0%	144	11.1%	0	n/a	0	–	40	32.0%	48	34.5%
Ellis County	170	11.0%	198	16.8%	167	10.9%	194	17.3%	0	n/a	0	–	2	15.4%	4	17.4%
Garfield County	2,289	13.2%	2,989	20.1%	1,859	11.7%	2,421	18.2%	336	41.2%	386	54.5%	43	16.9%	112	22.9%
Garvin County	979	12.9%	1,411	20.9%	767	11.3%	1,122	19.5%	135	47.0%	134	56.3%	72	17.2%	143	20.3%
Grady County	1,599	13.5%	2,245	19.0%	1,201	11.2%	1,710	16.7%	275	50.5%	306	56.6%	87	21.7%	196	23.6%
Grant County	166	10.3%	169	11.8%	166	10.5%	165	12.0%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%	2	6.9%
Greer County	290	19.1%	299	22.8%	203	15.4%	217	20.0%	64	58.7%	50	49.0%	2	9.1%	9	26.5%
Harmon County	186	15.2%	207	19.9%	76	8.8%	77	12.3%	93	60.8%	70	54.7%	0	0.0%	2	11.1%
Harper County	103	8.7%	117	11.3%	101	8.6%	109	11.0%	0	n/a	0	–	1	16.7%	0	0.0%
Haskell County	467	15.1%	543	19.1%	391	14.4%	410	18.6%	15	55.6%	18	56.3%	61	17.1%	115	19.5%
Hughes County	629	16.7%	867	27.1%	313	11.1%	486	21.7%	86	55.8%	83	72.2%	228	29.3%	296	35.8%
Jackson County	1,639	17.3%	1,874	22.1%	905	12.5%	962	15.6%	517	45.2%	558	52.8%	22	17.5%	32	17.1%
Jefferson County	344	15.2%	313	18.1%	298	14.4%	255	17.3%	11	73.3%	3	27.3%	25	33.3%	29	23.6%
Johnston County	585	20.0%	590	22.0%	384	16.3%	362	18.3%	58	63.7%	32	51.6%	142	31.2%	192	31.6%
Kay County	1,733	13.2%	2,207	17.3%	1,368	11.8%	1,638	15.3%	115	39.5%	122	39.4%	227	20.9%	420	28.2%
Kingfisher County	358	8.5%	483	12.8%	284	7.3%	411	12.1%	27	22.7%	22	24.2%	44	31.7%	45	31.3%

ASIAN CHILDREN				CHILDREN of OTHER RACES				CHILDREN of HISPANIC ORIGIN			
1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%
670	**12.4%**	**1,194**	**12.3%**	**2,305**	**17.0%**	**3,795**	**22.9%**	**4,486**	**18.8%**	**8,540**	**24.7%**
2	18.2%	0	–	5	16.1%	10	21.3%	18	23.1%	41	31.5%
0	n/a	0	–	4	25.0%	8	42.1%	6	12.8%	14	46.7%
4	50.0%	1	–	1	–	2	15.4%	4	30.8%	12	38.7%
0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%	10	10.5%	1	1.6%	14	10.2%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	29	19.6%	43	20.5%	43	16.1%	84	23.0%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	9	14.8%	15	18.8%	14	16.1%	25	18.5%
6	30.0%	9	29.0%	7	13.7%	18	26.5%	38	25.2%	46	22.1%
5	18.5%	1	4.3%	16	9.9%	55	19.9%	79	17.1%	194	31.3%
3	2.9%	26	5.4%	20	14.1%	63	23.0%	41	11.9%	142	19.2%
4	7.3%	5	7.6%	11	11.0%	44	33.1%	44	23.4%	109	31.5%
1	6.7%	1	4.5%	9	18.0%	13	21.7%	26	22.6%	71	32.4%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	4	19.0%	12	41.4%	14	15.1%	29	35.8%
0	n/a	1	20.0%	17	18.3%	11	12.8%	27	17.6%	27	16.0%
35	8.3%	83	9.1%	57	9.3%	109	17.4%	118	11.6%	334	19.4%
0	n/a	0	–	1	14.3%	1	20.0%	6	40.0%	5	33.3%
111	18.3%	147	16.6%	214	12.8%	234	18.3%	345	15.1%	492	19.5%
0	n/a	0	–	7	21.2%	11	15.5%	21	29.2%	17	17.5%
0	0.0%	3	50.0%	0	0.0%	2	33.3%	5	10.6%	10	33.3%
0	0.0%	6	11.8%	24	25.0%	12	15.4%	38	15.1%	47	17.2%
1	2.7%	2	4.8%	50	21.1%	119	22.8%	65	17.7%	174	24.1%
1	11.1%	1	5.3%	6	14.6%	10	45.5%	19	19.0%	40	42.1%
0	n/a	1	–	3	10.7%	5	27.8%	6	18.2%	11	35.5%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	1	–	0	0.0%	6	24.0%	8	13.1%
21	17.2%	29	15.8%	30	16.3%	41	22.3%	43	15.9%	93	21.7%
2	9.5%	0	0.0%	3	8.3%	12	23.5%	27	26.7%	48	34.8%
4	15.4%	3	6.5%	32	21.8%	30	22.2%	44	18.5%	78	23.5%
0	n/a	0	–	0	–	2	11.1%	8	34.8%	2	7.4%
0	n/a	0	–	21	30.0%	23	25.6%	37	31.9%	30	22.1%
0	n/a	0	–	17	8.7%	58	21.8%	22	9.3%	65	21.6%
0	n/a	0	–	1	9.1%	8	30.8%	0	–	11	31.4%
0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.7%	11	28.9%
0	–	2	–	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	18	32.1%	15	26.8%
4	6.9%	31	23.8%	191	21.6%	291	31.1%	293	22.4%	431	29.4%
0	n/a	2	40.0%	10	9.8%	24	20.9%	26	17.3%	29	22.0%
1	–	2	40.0%	0	0.0%	2	9.1%	21	50.0%	15	26.8%
1	1.7%	18	18.0%	22	16.2%	9	7.8%	45	15.3%	86	23.9%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	7.0%	5	3.2%	5	7.4%	12	6.1%

	TOTAL CHILDREN				WHITE CHILDREN				BLACK CHILDREN				AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN			
	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%
Kiowa County	558	17.0%	828	27.4%	352	13.3%	460	20.4%	115	51.3%	197	70.1%	67	31.3%	122	40.4%
Latimer County	433	15.7%	570	20.4%	274	12.8%	410	19.4%	13	65.0%	26	65.0%	142	24.8%	121	20.2%
Le Flore County	1,870	15.3%	2,431	20.4%	1,488	14.0%	1,823	19.1%	113	32.9%	139	45.9%	253	22.0%	454	22.7%
Lincoln County	852	10.8%	1,298	15.8%	682	9.5%	1,041	14.5%	100	39.4%	123	49.8%	62	16.8%	125	17.2%
Logan County	1,063	13.6%	1,551	19.7%	672	10.3%	986	15.3%	368	33.6%	447	47.9%	12	9.2%	82	24.6%
Love County	317	14.8%	368	18.0%	260	13.8%	271	16.3%	30	35.7%	34	43.0%	21	14.5%	37	18.2%
McClain County	675	10.7%	885	14.0%	594	10.1%	734	13.2%	24	49.0%	45	72.6%	51	18.2%	92	16.8%
McCurtain County	2,287	19.0%	2,835	28.7%	1,143	12.9%	1,292	20.0%	768	50.8%	868	66.6%	356	22.8%	636	31.4%
McIntosh County	721	18.3%	984	25.1%	407	13.7%	498	20.3%	139	46.2%	159	58.7%	172	26.2%	316	26.9%
Major County	225	9.0%	271	12.5%	208	8.6%	253	12.2%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	13	26.0%	13	18.8%
Marshall County	364	13.9%	490	19.9%	281	12.5%	351	18.0%	34	50.7%	45	72.6%	47	16.4%	84	21.6%
Mayes County	1,119	11.7%	1,610	17.7%	814	10.6%	1,044	15.6%	3	7.0%	5	31.3%	285	16.2%	543	23.3%
Murray County	514	14.8%	612	20.0%	404	13.4%	444	18.4%	30	41.1%	50	64.1%	77	21.9%	106	19.8%
Muskogee County	4,120	21.2%	4,724	25.4%	2,072	14.7%	2,281	19.2%	1,611	49.8%	1,651	53.5%	403	19.9%	740	21.7%
Noble County	393	12.2%	472	15.8%	260	9.3%	311	12.4%	40	47.1%	29	41.4%	89	29.3%	123	32.8%
Nowata County	346	10.9%	454	18.0%	246	9.4%	285	15.9%	71	43.3%	60	51.7%	27	7.1%	109	17.9%
Okfuskee County	632	19.4%	707	23.4%	226	10.7%	277	15.8%	193	43.9%	136	43.9%	211	32.9%	290	30.5%
Oklahoma County	34,936	22.3%	44,940	28.7%	20,288	17.0%	22,735	21.1%	12,289	46.5%	17,703	55.7%	1,406	27.4%	2,708	33.0%
Okmulgee County	2,152	20.0%	2,653	27.2%	1,066	13.8%	1,288	19.6%	734	44.5%	808	56.5%	333	25.3%	533	31.6%
Osage County	1,468	12.9%	2,229	19.3%	856	10.3%	1,152	15.0%	248	22.4%	503	36.3%	344	19.2%	556	23.5%
Ottawa County	1,398	15.5%	1,641	22.4%	1,065	14.6%	1,071	20.6%	6	54.5%	9	56.3%	321	19.6%	544	27.1%
Pawnee County	506	11.7%	708	16.9%	383	10.0%	519	14.7%	24	53.3%	18	48.6%	99	25.2%	169	27.5%
Payne County	1,757	13.9%	2,545	19.6%	1,419	12.5%	1,993	17.7%	185	40.0%	261	50.3%	117	22.4%	243	27.6%
Pittsburg County	1,857	17.0%	2,270	22.6%	1,359	14.8%	1,563	20.5%	254	52.4%	264	63.5%	220	18.9%	419	22.1%
Pontotoc County	1,366	16.3%	1,969	23.1%	1,038	14.6%	1,251	19.7%	118	38.6%	158	59.0%	196	22.3%	532	29.0%
Pottawatomie County	2,339	14.8%	3,367	21.2%	1,694	12.5%	2,196	17.8%	191	49.6%	245	50.8%	412	24.6%	890	31.7%
Pushmataha County	522	15.3%	525	18.7%	425	14.7%	370	17.2%	7	28.0%	16	50.0%	85	17.1%	132	21.7%
Roger Mills County	145	10.8%	151	13.1%	94	7.8%	120	11.2%	0	n/a	0	–	48	36.4%	31	44.9%
Rogers County	1,426	9.6%	2,316	14.8%	1,116	8.6%	1,738	13.7%	60	38.5%	43	31.4%	234	14.6%	507	18.7%
Seminole County	1,589	20.3%	1,765	26.1%	703	12.8%	731	16.7%	378	52.6%	421	65.4%	495	31.8%	604	35.6%
Sequoyah County	1,556	15.6%	2,255	23.4%	1,083	13.9%	1,482	22.0%	135	43.8%	140	50.7%	338	18.6%	618	24.1%
Stephens County	1,444	12.2%	1,970	17.9%	1,183	10.9%	1,581	16.4%	196	50.9%	188	52.5%	41	11.3%	130	20.0%
Texas County	533	9.9%	751	16.2%	496	10.0%	654	15.9%	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	7	14.0%	22	35.5%
Tillman County	646	17.4%	657	22.7%	293	11.8%	269	14.3%	222	44.9%	242	61.3%	40	26.3%	43	33.1%
Tulsa County	26,178	20.2%	32,059	24.4%	15,566	15.0%	19,259	18.9%	8,683	51.7%	9,732	56.1%	1,535	22.7%	2,493	28.8%
Wagoner County	1,648	11.5%	2,278	16.0%	1,153	9.3%	1,623	13.9%	309	46.0%	306	44.3%	163	13.9%	323	18.7%
Washington County	1,625	12.6%	2,253	18.1%	1,216	10.7%	1,691	16.3%	186	43.7%	201	45.7%	195	20.9%	319	23.7%
Washita County	366	9.6%	463	15.0%	337	9.2%	420	14.6%	10	38.5%	1	–	3	4.8%	23	20.0%
Woods County	318	13.4%	301	15.3%	304	13.2%	291	15.5%	3	50.0%	4	57.1%	2	9.5%	3	6.1%
Woodward County	657	10.1%	930	17.4%	631	10.0%	868	17.4%	0	–	3	20.0%	16	19.5%	39	23.8%

ASIAN CHILDREN				CHILDREN of OTHER RACES				CHILDREN of HISPANIC ORIGIN			
1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%	1980	%	1990	%
0	n/a	4	26.7%	24	12.0%	45	26.6%	38	14.7%	73	28.4%
0	0.0%	1	10.0%	4	22.2%	12	38.7%	3	9.4%	16	31.4%
7	25.9%	4	10.3%	9	11.8%	11	22.9%	33	23.7%	46	25.4%
1	14.3%	5	31.3%	7	12.7%	4	6.7%	17	15.0%	24	16.9%
3	14.3%	3	10.7%	8	9.1%	33	24.1%	21	12.2%	79	32.0%
0	n/a	3	–	6	21.4%	23	22.5%	9	22.0%	31	21.5%
0	0.0%	3	20.0%	6	10.9%	11	10.5%	19	17.9%	28	10.7%
3	14.3%	8	22.9%	17	29.3%	31	44.3%	47	28.7%	94	50.5%
3	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	68.8%	4	20.0%	20	29.4%
2	20.0%	1	–	2	20.0%	4	12.9%	2	4.8%	13	22.0%
0	n/a	3	–	2	16.7%	7	12.5%	5	15.6%	13	11.5%
4	33.3%	1	3.6%	13	23.6%	17	51.5%	24	16.9%	35	29.2%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	60.0%	12	38.7%	3	8.8%	27	34.2%
11	20.0%	4	4.1%	23	21.9%	48	31.8%	92	31.6%	107	30.7%
0	0.0%	1	10.0%	4	13.8%	8	47.1%	12	27.9%	22	39.3%
0	0.0%	0	–	2	25.0%	0	–	7	29.2%	7	24.1%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	4.4%	4	57.1%	7	30.4%	11	22.4%
243	12.9%	465	13.7%	710	20.3%	1,329	25.0%	1,210	21.2%	2,744	26.9%
3	17.6%	4	19.0%	16	20.5%	20	37.0%	53	27.0%	59	34.1%
9	16.7%	3	9.1%	11	15.9%	15	21.1%	42	19.7%	84	30.4%
1	4.2%	2	5.3%	5	9.3%	15	18.1%	15	14.0%	38	24.7%
0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	6	16.2%	8	16.0%
9	7.6%	21	8.3%	27	10.4%	27	29.0%	52	16.7%	62	24.9%
7	19.4%	7	15.6%	17	25.8%	17	24.3%	33	19.1%	50	25.5%
3	13.6%	1	4.5%	11	25.6%	27	42.2%	29	29.6%	57	31.7%
11	18.3%	8	7.5%	31	25.2%	28	26.7%	71	24.7%	115	27.0%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	5	33.3%	7	50.0%	10	28.6%	15	23.8%
0	n/a	0	–	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	12	30.0%	4	12.9%
4	11.4%	8	14.8%	12	16.7%	20	28.2%	20	9.7%	49	18.7%
2	16.7%	2	18.2%	11	36.7%	7	17.5%	37	37.4%	50	30.3%
0	0.0%	3	13.0%	0	0.0%	12	42.9%	19	21.6%	35	30.7%
2	3.2%	6	8.8%	22	11.8%	65	21.7%	28	10.5%	90	20.5%
1	5.6%	3	15.8%	29	9.2%	69	16.7%	54	8.0%	123	18.0%
1	7.7%	0	0.0%	90	15.9%	103	21.6%	103	15.8%	131	20.7%
125	12.4%	204	10.7%	269	19.1%	371	22.3%	622	21.5%	1,118	25.4%
2	11.8%	14	19.2%	21	22.3%	12	12.5%	48	21.9%	34	12.4%
6	7.6%	18	11.0%	22	18.6%	24	26.1%	44	16.2%	63	21.8%
1	8.3%	2	14.3%	15	18.3%	17	19.5%	26	16.1%	46	25.0%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	18.0%	3	13.0%	17	26.2%	7	14.9%
0	0.0%	7	25.9%	10	16.1%	13	9.9%	18	12.2%	40	15.3%

n/a = no children in this category
– = numbers too small to calculate meaningful rate

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

INFANTS

OKLAHOMA kids count

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

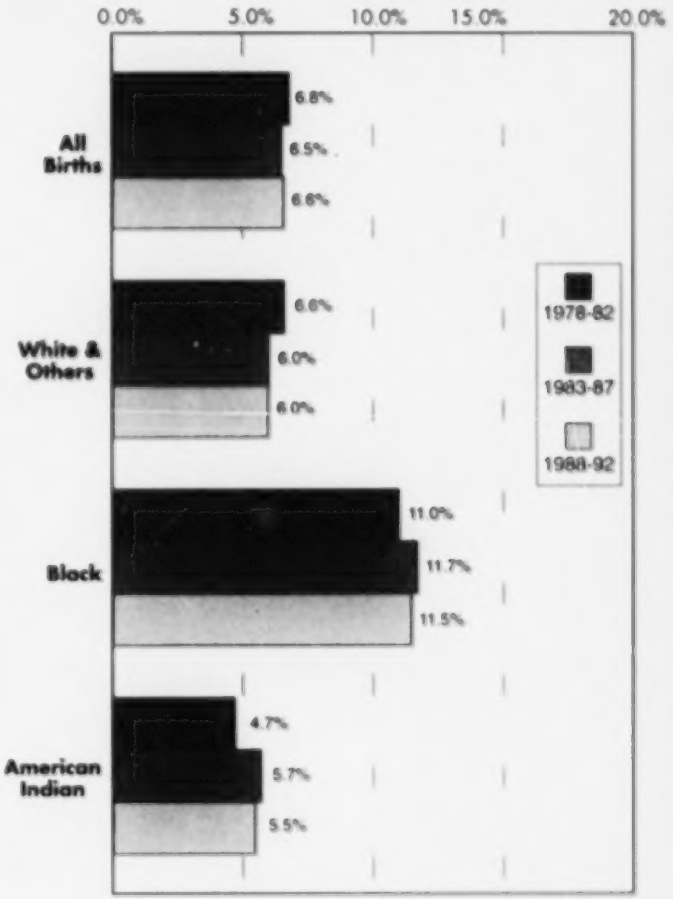
Babies born weighing less than five-and-a-half pounds (2,500 grams) get off to a precarious start. Many die. The National Public Health Service estimates that almost sixty percent of the infant deaths each year result directly from low birthweight. In Oklahoma, seven out of 10 infants dying in the first month of life are low-weight babies. One in four of those who live will experience serious health and developmental problems.

The number of babies born this small in Oklahoma has averaged over 3,000 a year during the past five years. Ranked 21st in national comparisons, Oklahoma falls near the middle of all the states in its rate of low-weight births. However, Oklahoma trends threaten to parallel a troubling national increase in the rate of low-weight births. The Oklahoma average annual rate of low birthweight infants dropped from 6.8% to 6.5% from the beginning to the middle of the 1980's but crept back up to 6.6% by the beginning of the 1990's. *Improvements made in previous decades have been slowed or stopped — and, in some cases, reversed.* Since the mid-1980's, half of the counties in Oklahoma have recorded worsening low birthweight rates. One county (Harper) almost tripled its historically low rate to become the county with the second highest rate (9.7%) of low birthweight births in Oklahoma. Cimarron County leads the state with a rate approaching ten percent (9.9%).

Race adds a painful dimension. The low birthweight rate for Black infants (11.5%) in Oklahoma nearly doubles the low birthweight rate for white infants

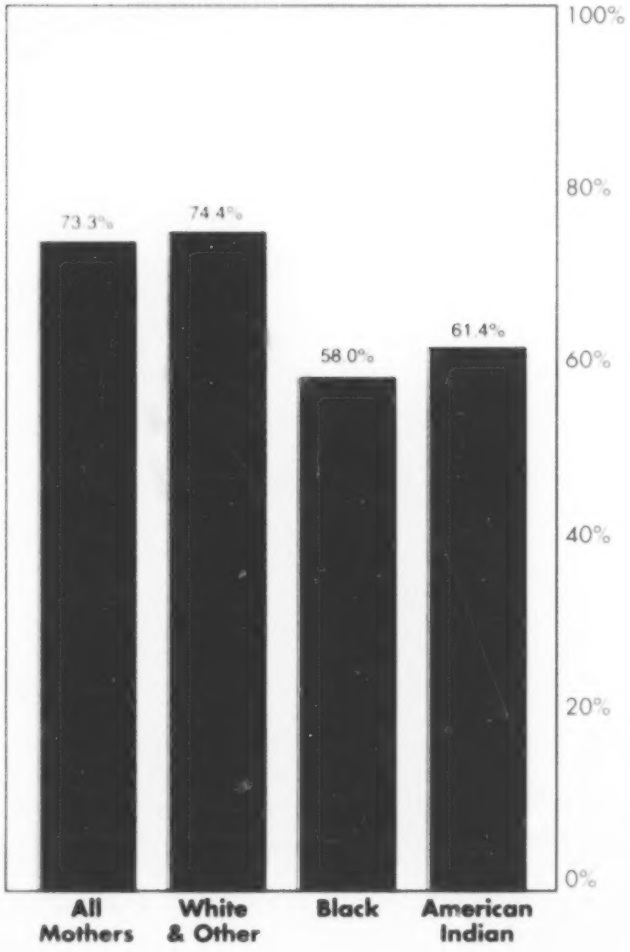
LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

Average Annual Percent Weighing Under 5 - 1/2 lbs
Oklahoma, By Race, 1978-82, 1983-87, 1988-92



PRENATAL CARE BEGINNING IN FIRST TRIMESTER

Average Annual Percent
Oklahoma, 1988-1992



(6.0%). The state has made progress in reducing this problem with a small decrease (0.2%) in the low birthweight rate among Black infants between the mid-1980's and the beginning of the 1990's.

The health and well-being of the mother before and during pregnancy is crucial to the birth of a healthy baby. Low birthweight can typically be predicted by looking at information about the infant's mother: her age, her economic and educational status, how long the time between this pregnancy and the last, her health behaviors, the level of prenatal care she received, and so on. Risk factors are often interrelated, making the cause of a resulting low birthweight uncertain. Experts agree, however, that *prenatal care is key*. Research shows that women who do not receive early prenatal care are more likely to give birth to a very small baby. In Oklahoma, only about three-quarters (73.3%) of soon-to-be mothers receive prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy (first trimester). Even though Oklahoma has improved in this measurement, the rate of improvement is not enough to reach the national and state goal of ninety percent of all pregnant women receiving early prenatal care by the year 2000. The rates are worse and the goals are further away for non-white mothers. Black and American Indian women receive early care only about sixty percent of the time.

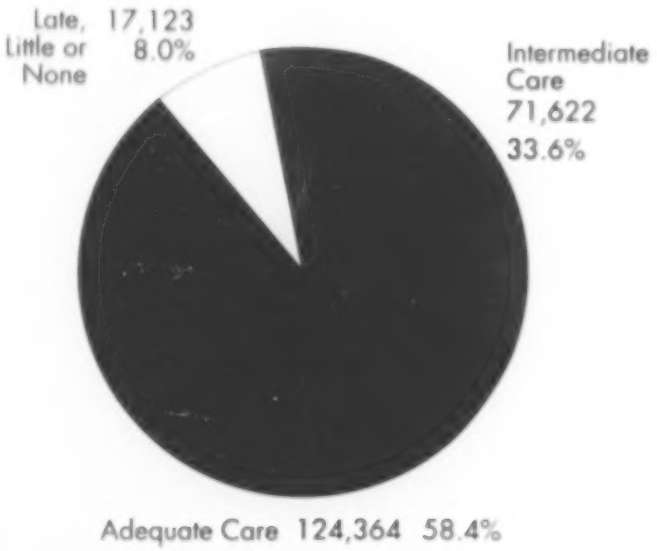
In the most recent five-year period on record, eight percent of Oklahoma's births were to mothers who had late, little or no prenatal care. The mothers of these 17,123 babies did not receive any care until the last three months of pregnancy,

had less than three prenatal visits altogether or saw no one at all. Only about sixty percent (58.4%) of Oklahoma's babies were born to mothers who had the recommended level of prenatal care: care beginning in the first three months of the pregnancy with 10 or more visits before the birth.

For many mothers in Oklahoma, prenatal services are not affordable when they are needed. Since early pregnancy care is cost effective, states are *allowed* to pay for prenatal care for low income pregnant women with incomes that would normally be too high to receive public assistance. (This Medicaid coverage is *allowed* for women living at 185% of the federal poverty level; see *Children in Poverty* section for full explanation of the federal poverty level). Oklahoma studies estimate that more than half (52%) of all women giving birth in 1991 had family incomes low enough to be eligible for assistance if Oklahoma provided the full extent of prenatal services *allowed*. As of April 1992, Oklahoma provides Medicaid coverage for prenatal care to more women than the federal policy *requires*, but fails to cover all the women federal policy *allows*.

LEVELS OF PRENATAL CARE

Five-Year Total & Average Annual Percent
Oklahoma, 1988-1992



• More than one-fourth of Oklahoma's mothers-to-be receive no prenatal care during the first three months of their pregnancies.

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS
AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT
1988 through 1992

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LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS: Five-Year Number and Average Annual Percent of Infants Born Weighing Less than 5-1/2 Pounds; By Race; Oklahoma and Counties: 1978-82; 1983-87; 1988-92

TOTAL:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92		WHITE & OTHER:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%	#	%
Adair County	99	5.9%	93	5.7%	102	5.6%		52	7.1%	36	6.1%	50	8.3%
Alfalfa County	26	5.7%	18	4.2%	19	6.5%		25	5.5%	16	3.8%	19	6.6%
Atoka County	56	6.5%	62	7.1%	66	8.1%		46	6.6%	52	7.4%	48	8.0%
Beaver County	36	6.9%	26	5.8%	22	6.0%		35	6.7%	26	5.9%	22	6.1%
Beckham County	147	6.9%	117	6.0%	90	6.5%		137	6.7%	110	6.1%	83	6.5%
Blaine County	91	7.1%	73	6.3%	43	5.2%		65	6.5%	55	6.1%	34	5.3%
Bryan County	157	7.2%	180	7.8%	165	7.6%		139	7.4%	167	8.1%	140	7.6%
Caddo County	197	6.5%	163	5.7%	128	5.5%		135	6.7%	104	5.7%	71	5.3%
Canadian County	304	6.1%	307	5.2%	303	5.9%		282	6.2%	286	5.2%	276	5.8%
Carter County	247	7.0%	244	6.9%	222	7.2%		190	6.7%	180	6.1%	149	6.3%
Cherokee County	149	6.3%	138	5.6%	156	5.9%		102	7.9%	69	6.0%	65	5.8%
Choctaw County	92	6.8%	92	7.9%	109	9.2%		57	6.3%	51	6.7%	65	9.7%
Cimarron County	15	6.0%	17	6.1%	20	9.9%		15	6.0%	17	6.2%	20	9.9%
Cleveland County	581	5.8%	686	5.7%	655	5.8%		540	5.8%	615	5.5%	559	5.5%
Coal County	24	5.5%	31	7.7%	26	6.6%		20	6.5%	28	8.8%	20	7.1%
Comanche County	937	7.4%	823	6.5%	736	6.7%		645	6.9%	519	5.7%	397	5.4%
Cotton County	28	5.7%	20	4.5%	18	4.3%		25	6.1%	14	3.9%	13	3.9%
Craig County	58	5.8%	43	4.7%	75	8.4%		46	6.1%	27	4.5%	48	8.4%
Creek County	321	6.7%	311	6.4%	260	5.9%		274	6.5%	265	6.4%	208	5.9%
Custer County	182	6.8%	155	6.0%	134	7.0%		159	6.9%	126	5.7%	98	6.3%
Delaware County	97	5.7%	102	5.8%	114	6.1%		64	6.2%	56	5.5%	64	6.3%
Dewey County	47	8.6%	24	5.3%	13	3.8%		43	9.1%	22	5.6%	12	3.9%
Ellis County	27	5.3%	17	5.6%	11	5.2%		27	5.4%	17	5.6%	11	5.3%
Garfield County	386	6.4%	303	5.9%	266	6.6%		353	6.2%	266	5.6%	230	6.3%
Garvin County	149	6.7%	164	7.8%	117	6.7%		135	6.7%	139	7.4%	103	7.0%
Grady County	220	6.5%	215	6.4%	176	6.1%		186	6.1%	182	6.0%	141	5.6%
Grant County	22	5.2%	27	5.9%	11	3.4%		22	5.3%	26	5.9%	11	3.5%
Greer County	32	7.6%	23	6.0%	25	7.6%		28	7.4%	19	5.4%	20	6.9%
Harmon County	21	6.3%	26	8.5%	16	6.4%		11	3.9%	16	6.3%	10	4.8%
Harper County	11	2.9%	7	2.6%	19	9.7%		11	2.9%	7	2.6%	19	9.8%
Haskell County	32	4.3%	54	7.4%	47	7.3%		31	4.8%	49	8.0%	37	7.1%
Hughes County	58	6.1%	49	5.5%	36	4.6%		42	6.3%	35	5.7%	22	4.5%
Jackson County	219	7.0%	226	6.9%	201	7.0%		182	6.8%	166	5.9%	152	6.3%
Jefferson County	48	8.1%	27	6.0%	19	4.8%		47	8.4%	25	5.9%	19	5.1%
Johnston County	61	8.7%	49	7.6%	39	6.2%		52	9.4%	42	8.4%	33	7.3%
Kay County	277	6.8%	259	6.5%	195	5.5%		239	6.6%	212	6.2%	155	5.2%
Kingfisher County	85	6.0%	65	4.7%	61	6.6%		77	5.9%	55	4.2%	60	7.0%

BLACK: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %	AMERICAN INDIAN: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
2,762	**11.0%**	**3,042**	**11.7%**	**3,141**	**11.5%**	**1,111**	**4.7%**	**1,479**	**5.7%**	**1,604**	**5.5%**
1	33.3%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	46	4.9%	57	5.5%	52	4.2%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
7	10.6%	4	8.0%	9	14.8%	3	3.3%	6	5.0%	9	6.0%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	n/a	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
10	18.9%	6	11.3%	5	9.4%	0	0.0%	1	1.6%	2	3.6%
9	16.7%	9	15.8%	4	8.9%	17	7.1%	9	4.4%	5	3.3%
4	10.0%	4	8.5%	6	14.0%	14	5.7%	9	4.5%	19	5.5%
7	7.7%	8	10.5%	11	13.6%	55	5.9%	51	5.2%	46	5.1%
10	8.3%	11	7.1%	12	10.0%	12	4.3%	10	3.7%	15	4.6%
48	11.6%	49	13.1%	49	12.9%	9	3.6%	15	6.8%	24	7.2%
1	3.4%	3	7.7%	7	16.3%	46	4.4%	66	5.1%	84	5.6%
27	13.3%	31	15.3%	29	12.0%	8	3.4%	10	5.2%	15	5.5%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a
27	11.2%	47	13.1%	55	12.7%	14	3.2%	24	5.8%	41	7.6%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	3.2%	3	3.7%	6	5.7%
268	10.6%	265	9.4%	297	10.2%	24	3.0%	39	5.2%	42	5.5%
1	5.9%	2	16.7%	2	14.3%	2	3.4%	4	5.8%	3	4.5%
3	6.7%	4	11.4%	2	5.0%	9	4.2%	12	4.4%	25	9.0%
32	17.0%	18	9.7%	24	11.2%	15	3.8%	28	5.2%	28	4.3%
8	7.1%	22	16.3%	22	17.9%	15	6.1%	7	3.0%	14	6.1%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	5.0%	46	6.2%	50	5.9%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	4	5.5%	2	3.7%	1	2.9%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
25	9.6%	29	11.2%	29	10.8%	8	6.3%	8	7.3%	7	6.4%
7	11.3%	17	19.5%	9	11.0%	7	5.9%	8	6.0%	5	2.7%
27	16.7%	23	13.0%	27	15.6%	7	4.5%	10	6.9%	8	5.3%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%
3	9.1%	4	14.3%	4	13.8%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%
9	19.1%	8	16.7%	5	14.7%	1	20.0%	2	50.0%	1	20.0%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	1	10.0%	1	14.3%	1	1.1%	4	3.5%	9	7.6%
4	8.7%	5	14.3%	2	5.3%	12	5.2%	9	3.6%	12	4.7%
37	8.9%	56	14.0%	46	12.2%	0	0.0%	4	5.6%	3	5.0%
1	20.0%	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%
1	3.6%	4	26.7%	2	13.3%	8	6.7%	3	2.3%	4	2.5%
9	9.4%	9	10.5%	10	9.8%	29	7.5%	38	8.8%	30	6.8%
5	12.5%	5	10.6%	0	0.0%	3	4.5%	5	10.2%	1	2.6%

LOW BIRTHW EIGHT INFANTS

TOTAL:	1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
Kiowa County	102	10.4%	74	8.0%	61	8.4%
Latimer County	49	7.7%	40	6.3%	52	7.3%
Le Flore County	187	6.3%	210	7.1%	191	6.1%
Lincoln County	149	7.4%	131	6.2%	108	5.9%
Logan County	144	6.7%	150	6.5%	133	7.5%
Love County	34	6.6%	38	7.5%	33	6.0%
McClain County	83	5.3%	120	7.0%	87	5.9%
McCurtain County	208	6.9%	150	5.5%	181	6.4%
McIntosh County	70	7.2%	85	7.9%	59	6.5%
Major County	47	6.1%	32	4.9%	22	5.1%
Marshall County	42	6.6%	39	6.3%	45	7.0%
Mayes County	158	6.2%	124	5.1%	142	5.9%
Murray County	78	8.8%	54	6.3%	35	5.0%
Muskogee County	428	7.3%	409	7.2%	327	6.3%
Noble County	54	5.7%	61	6.8%	33	4.8%
Nowata County	42	5.1%	37	5.2%	36	5.7%
Okfuskee County	48	5.4%	73	8.4%	49	7.0%
Oklahoma County	4,142	7.6%	4,081	7.2%	3,701	7.3%
Okmulgee County	220	7.1%	239	7.8%	196	7.7%
Osage County	168	6.2%	195	6.7%	160	6.7%
Ottawa County	127	5.5%	147	6.9%	136	6.3%
Pawnee County	78	6.8%	73	5.9%	68	6.6%
Payne County	247	5.3%	246	5.6%	188	4.9%
Pittsburg County	202	7.6%	191	7.0%	185	7.2%
Pontotoc County	167	7.0%	156	6.2%	120	5.3%
Pottawatomie County	264	6.1%	288	6.2%	267	6.6%
Pushmataha County	48	6.0%	64	7.8%	47	7.0%
Roger Mills County	32	7.1%	23	6.3%	16	7.0%
Rogers County	202	5.5%	222	5.4%	210	5.3%
Seminole County	176	7.5%	153	7.3%	111	6.4%
Sequoyah County	146	6.2%	160	6.2%	168	6.7%
Stephens County	233	6.4%	168	5.4%	169	6.2%
Texas County	128	7.7%	108	7.0%	73	6.5%
Tillman County	66	6.3%	62	7.1%	70	9.5%
Tulsa County	2,917	7.0%	2,788	6.4%	2,815	6.5%
Wagoner County	181	5.9%	222	6.7%	190	5.9%
Washington County	210	5.4%	243	6.4%	182	5.8%
Washita County	105	7.6%	59	5.6%	45	6.5%
Woods County	44	6.0%	40	6.2%	27	5.7%
Woodward County	142	6.2%	121	6.5%	94	7.1%

WHITE & OTHER:	1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
Kiowa County	81	9.9%	52	6.9%	45	7.7%
Latimer County	43	8.9%	26	5.5%	40	7.6%
Le Flore County	156	6.2%	179	7.1%	152	6.0%
Lincoln County	138	7.6%	113	5.9%	90	5.7%
Logan County	107	5.9%	122	6.1%	102	6.9%
Love County	30	6.4%	36	7.9%	25	5.3%
McClain County	81	5.4%	111	6.8%	79	5.8%
McCurtain County	165	7.9%	100	5.4%	102	5.8%
McIntosh County	50	7.4%	55	8.0%	39	6.7%
Major County	47	6.3%	32	5.0%	21	4.9%
Marshall County	36	6.6%	32	6.2%	37	7.8%
Mayes County	125	7.3%	77	4.8%	78	5.6%
Murray County	70	9.0%	44	5.9%	28	5.4%
Muskogee County	294	7.0%	245	6.5%	168	5.3%
Noble County	43	5.4%	54	6.9%	27	4.7%
Nowata County	35	5.1%	27	5.0%	29	6.5%
Okfuskee County	30	5.7%	43	8.3%	27	6.8%
Oklahoma County	2,940	2.0%	2,665	6.1%	2,353	6.2%
Okmulgee County	156	7.3%	152	7.3%	121	7.0%
Osage County	130	6.3%	147	6.7%	108	6.5%
Ottawa County	99	5.8%	105	6.9%	103	6.7%
Pawnee County	74	7.3%	59	5.9%	61	7.2%
Payne County	230	5.4%	218	5.4%	160	4.6%
Pittsburg County	170	7.7%	156	6.8%	136	6.7%
Pontotoc County	135	7.0%	128	6.5%	95	5.8%
Pottawatomie County	227	6.3%	241	6.3%	198	6.3%
Pushmataha County	34	5.4%	56	8.5%	32	6.7%
Roger Mills County	28	7.0%	19	6.0%	14	7.1%
Rogers County	176	6.2%	169	5.3%	142	4.9%
Seminole County	116	7.7%	109	7.9%	71	7.0%
Sequoyah County	103	5.8%	105	6.0%	106	6.8%
Stephens County	207	6.1%	152	5.3%	141	5.9%
Texas County	126	7.7%	103	6.8%	73	6.6%
Tillman County	50	5.9%	37	5.4%	58	9.8%
Tulsa County	2,135	6.4%	1,929	5.6%	1,809	5.6%
Wagoner County	148	5.7%	179	6.5%	139	5.6%
Washington County	193	5.5%	205	6.1%	149	5.7%
Washita County	104	7.7%	57	5.5%	43	6.6%
Woods County	42	5.9%	39	6.1%	27	5.9%
Woodward County	141	6.3%	116	6.4%	90	7.0%

BLACK: 1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
#	%	#	%	#	%
16	18.2%	16	18.2%	13	20.0%
0	0.0%	1	6.7%	1	5.9%
8	9.6%	13	21.7%	7	8.9%
6	8.3%	11	16.2%	3	4.8%
32	11.2%	24	9.4%	30	12.0%
4	20.0%	0	0.0%	5	23.8%
1	7.7%	2	14.3%	2	8.3%
25	6.2%	34	9.6%	58	13.5%
6	6.6%	16	17.8%	4	7.4%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
2	12.5%	3	33.3%	5	27.8%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	1	16.7%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	8.3%
103	9.9%	119	11.7%	96	9.6%
5	18.5%	3	15.8%	1	8.3%
4	12.1%	3	10.3%	1	3.4%
8	7.7%	16	15.5%	12	16.4%
1,051	11.0%	1,252	12.1%	1,220	11.7%
46	9.9%	54	12.4%	49	13.1%
16	11.1%	21	13.3%	17	9.4%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	5	21.7%	0	0.0%
11	5.1%	22	9.7%	17	10.4%
18	15.0%	13	11.5%	17	13.9%
14	15.7%	1	1.3%	6	7.6%
12	9.8%	13	9.5%	25	13.8%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	9.1%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
3	6.0%	5	10.6%	3	6.7%
27	11.7%	21	11.5%	17	9.6%
19	23.5%	8	10.7%	8	9.5%
22	18.6%	10	8.7%	16	15.0%
0	0.0%	1	8.3%	0	0.0%
14	9.7%	21	16.8%	11	12.5%
672	11.7%	654	11.4%	786	11.7%
17	8.9%	12	12.4%	22	12.1%
8	6.3%	22	16.1%	14	10.7%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%
1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%

AMERICAN INDIAN: 1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
#	%	#	%	#	%
5	6.3%	6	6.8%	3	3.9%
6	4.1%	13	8.6%	11	6.6%
23	5.8%	18	4.6%	32	6.4%
5	3.8%	7	5.1%	15	7.8%
5	7.1%	4	6.6%	1	2.8%
0	0.0%	2	6.5%	3	4.8%
1	1.7%	7	9.9%	6	6.2%
18	3.4%	16	3.0%	21	3.4%
14	6.9%	14	4.7%	16	5.8%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
4	5.7%	4	4.7%	3	2.0%
33	4.0%	47	5.6%	63	6.1%
8	7.7%	10	9.9%	5	3.1%
31	5.1%	45	5.2%	63	6.1%
6	4.8%	4	4.0%	5	5.1%
3	2.8%	7	4.9%	6	3.9%
10	3.9%	14	5.6%	10	4.3%
151	5.4%	164	6.5%	128	6.0%
18	3.8%	33	6.1%	26	5.7%
22	4.4%	27	5.0%	35	6.4%
28	4.8%	42	6.8%	33	5.3%
4	3.0%	9	4.4%	7	4.1%
6	3.4%	6	3.7%	11	4.5%
14	4.3%	22	7.2%	32	7.6%
18	4.9%	27	6.1%	19	3.4%
25	4.0%	34	5.0%	44	6.4%
14	8.7%	8	5.2%	14	7.7%
4	7.8%	4	8.2%	2	6.5%
23	3.1%	48	5.4%	65	6.2%
33	5.6%	23	4.3%	23	4.2%
24	4.9%	47	6.3%	54	6.4%
4	2.4%	6	4.3%	12	6.1%
2	7.1%	4	16.7%	0	0.0%
2	4.1%	4	7.1%	1	1.9%
110	4.6%	205	6.1%	220	5.6%
16	6.0%	31	7.2%	29	5.3%
9	3.1%	16	5.6%	19	5.0%
1	2.6%	2	7.4%	2	6.1%
2	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	5	12.8%	3	7.1%

n/a = no births in this category

THE BIG PICTURE

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend during the first half of the 1980's = 0.3% DECREASE in the rate of low-weight births
- Oklahoma's trend since the mid-1980's = 0.1% INCREASE in the rate of low-weight births
- At the beginning of the 1990's Oklahoma's average rate of low birthweight births = 6.6% (0.5% under 1991 national rate of 7.1%)

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY RATES SINCE THE MID-1980's

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	38	49.4%
Stayed Even	1	1.3%
Worsened	38	49.4%

NOTE: DOES NOT EQUAL 100% BECAUSE OF ROUNDING

- EIGHT Oklahoma counties currently meet or do better than the national and Oklahoma health goals of no more than 5% low birthweight infants by the year 2000.
- The low birthweight rates in TWENTY-SEVEN Oklahoma counties (or 35.1%) are worse than the state average of 6.6%
- The low birthweight rates in SIXTEEN Oklahoma counties (or 20.8%) are worse than the national rate of 7.1%.

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INFANT MORTALITY

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Many Oklahoma babies – more than 400 each year – do not live to see their first birthday. Complications from labor and delivery, abnormal fetal growth, trauma and respiratory conditions acquired at or before birth, birth defects, poor health of the mother, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, injuries, infections, poverty, and more – all can, and sometimes do, contribute to the death of infants. Ranked 37th in national comparisons, Oklahoma is in the bottom half of all the states in its rate of infant mortality.

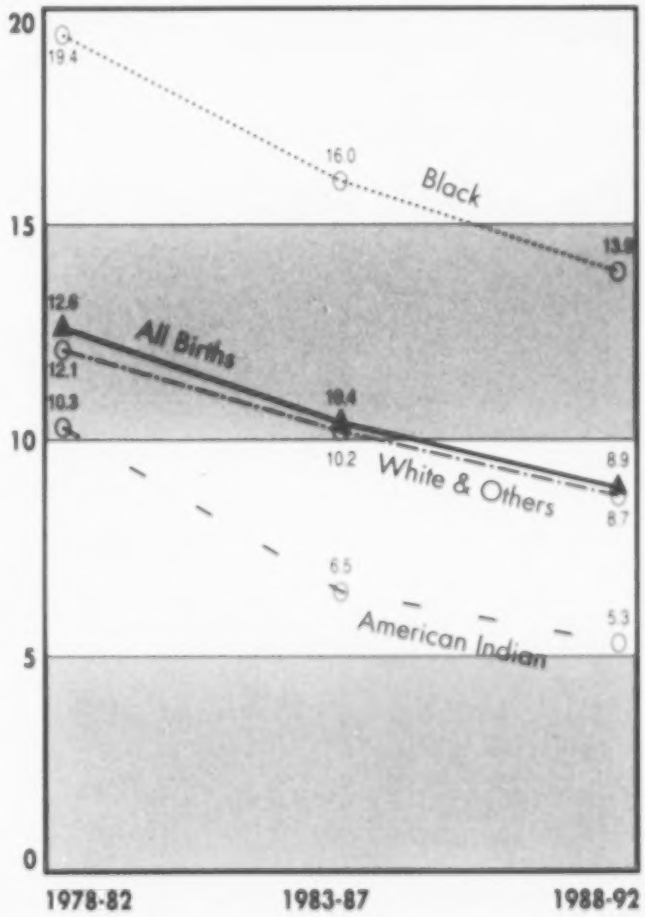
Dramatic improvements in infant survival rates during the last decade in Oklahoma and the nation have forever reduced the number of families trying to handle the loss of a very young child. The Oklahoma average annual rate of infant mortality dropped almost thirty percent (29.4%) from 12.6 per 1,000 live births at the beginning of the 1980's to 8.9 per 1,000 by the beginning of the 1990's. This decline was reflected in all but 13 Oklahoma counties.

The greatest part of Oklahoma's improvement occurred in the early 1980's. The decrease in mortality (17.5%) throughout the early 1980's corresponded with and was generally attributed to improvements in neonatal medical technology and interventions. Medical providers became better able to keep fragile, high-risk infants alive. Often the cost is staggering. Hospital costs for an infant in neonatal intensive care in Oklahoma begin at $1,200 per day. Physician care, medication, therapies, and more are additional. An infant's stay in neonatal intensive care is typically three weeks.

During the second half of the 1980's, Oklahoma's infant mortality rate dropped another 14.4 percent. Thirteen Oklahoma counties cut their infant

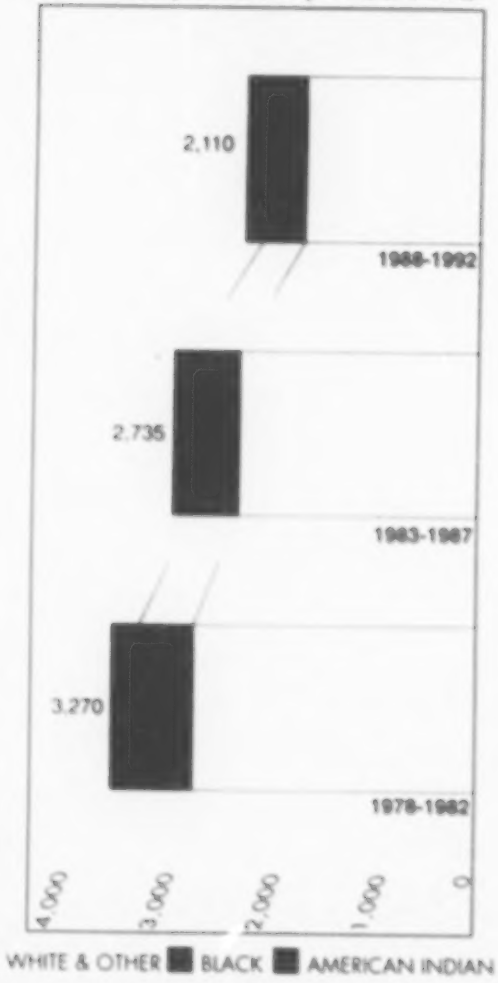
INFANT MORTALITY

Average Annual Rate of Deaths per 1000 Births
Oklahoma, By Race, 1978-82, 1983-87, 1988-92



INFANT DEATHS

Five-Year Numbers
Oklahoma, By Race,
1978-82, 1983-87, 1988-1992

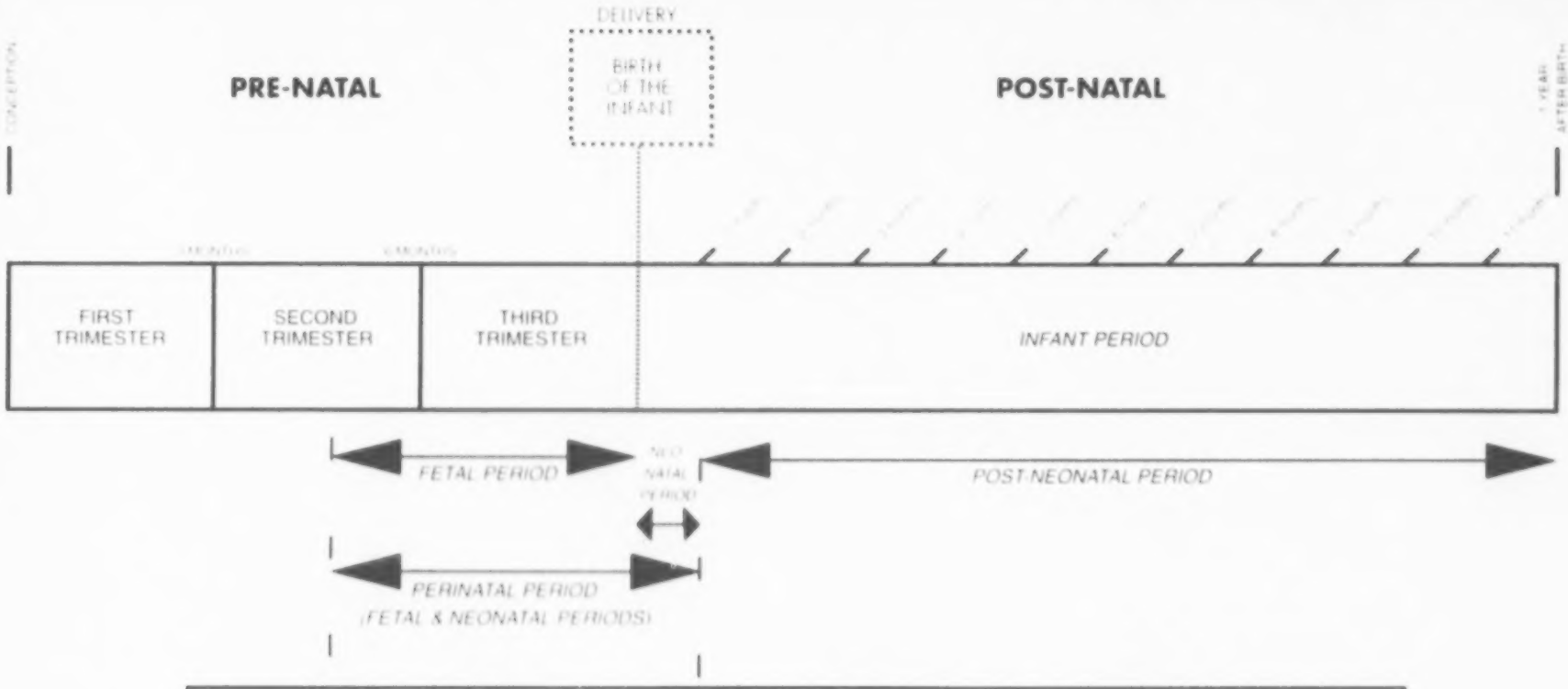


mortality rates in half. This time, however, fewer counties kept up this pace. While 51 counties improved, the average annual rate of infant mortality worsened in 26 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. The rates more than doubled in seven of those counties.

Oklahoma data demonstrates that racial disparity continues. The death rate for Black infants in Oklahoma (13.9 per 1,000) is nearly sixty percent (59.8%) higher than the death rate for white infants (8.7 per 1,000). The decade-long progress in reducing the Black infant death rate (improved 28.4%) parallels the progress made in reducing white infant mortality (improved 28.1%). During this time American Indian infant death rates declined the most substantially (improved 48.5%). *The race of an infant recorded at death is frequently not consistent with the race determination recorded at birth.* This discrepancy raises questions about the reliability of race-specific comparisons. To ensure accuracy many suggest calculating race-specific rates only when the birth and death documents match. Analysis of matched birth and death certificate data in Oklahoma reveals a still higher death rate for Black and American Indian infants. Under such an analysis rates improve for white infants.

Rates for maternity and birth-related deaths vary by when the death occurs. More than half (55.8%) of all infant deaths occur in the first month of life (neonatal period). Infants deaths after that first month (post-neonatal period) happen in Oklahoma at a rate of 3.9 per 1,000 live births. Oklahoma's rate (44.2%) of infants dying in the post-neonatal period is higher than that which is reported for the nation.

INFANT MORTALITY



1988 - 1992: TOTAL DEATHS ..... 3,922 (fetal through infancy)

DEATHS by MATERNITY/INFANT CARE TIME PERIODS

Fetal: 20 weeks or more gestation	..... 1,812 deaths (7.6 per 1000 live births)
Neonatal: Birth to 28 days	..... 1,177 deaths (5.0 per 1000 live births)
Perinatal: Fetal + Neonatal	..... 2,989 deaths (12.5 per 1000 live births)
Infant: Birth to one year	..... 2,110 deaths (8.9 per 1000 live births)
Post-Neonatal: 28 days to one year	..... 933 deaths (3.9 per 1000 live births)

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INFANT MORTALITY

TRENDS IN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE per 1000 LIVE BIRTHS

1988 through 1992

INFANT MORTALITY: Five-Year Number and Average Annual Rate of Deaths per 1000 Live Births; By Race; Oklahoma and Counties: 1978-82; 1983-87; 1988-92

	TOTAL: 1978-82		1983-87		1988-92		WHITE & OTHER: 1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE
Adair County	17	10.1	17	10.5	22	11.9	11	15.1	8	13.6	5	8.3
Alfalfa County	5	11.0	2	4.6	3	10.2	5	10.0	2	4.8	3	10.4
Atoka County	13	15.1	4	4.6	7	8.6	12	17.1	2	2.8	6	9.9
Beaver County	9	17.1	5	11.2	1	2.7	9	17.3	5	11.3	1	2.8
Beckham County	36	16.9	14	7.2	9	6.5	36	17.6	12	6.6	9	7.1
Blaine County	15	11.6	16	13.7	7	8.4	13	13.1	9	9.9	4	6.3
Bryan County	32	14.7	24	10.4	15	6.9	28	14.8	23	11.2	15	8.3
Caddo County	34	11.2	23	8.0	25	10.8	16	8.1	11	6.1	15	11.3
Canadian County	51	10.3	42	7.1	32	6.2	46	10.1	39	7.1	30	6.3
Carter County	52	14.8	37	10.4	20	6.5	41	14.4	30	10.1	16	6.7
Cherokee County	26	10.9	16	6.5	22	8.2	16	12.4	12	10.5	12	10.6
Choctaw County	17	12.6	10	8.6	9	7.6	9	9.8	6	7.9	7	10.4
Cimarron County	2	8.1	2	7.2	0	0.0	2	8.0	2	7.3	0	0.0
Cleveland County	123	12.3	106	8.8	105	9.3	118	12.6	97	8.7	97	9.4
Coal County	4	9.1	11	27.2	3	7.6	3	9.7	11	34.5	3	10.5
Comanche County	182	14.3	132	10.4	97	8.8	122	13.0	87	9.5	54	7.3
Cotton County	3	6.1	1	2.3	1	2.4	2	4.9	1	2.8	1	3.0
Craig County	17	16.8	11	12.1	14	15.6	15	19.9	9	15.0	14	24.3
Creek County	69	14.4	43	8.8	28	6.4	58	13.8	40	9.6	20	5.7
Custer County	39	14.6	37	14.2	18	9.3	34	14.7	31	13.9	13	8.2
Delaware County	13	7.6	14	7.9	13	7.0	10	9.6	12	11.8	7	6.9
Dewey County	11	20.0	3	6.7	0	0.0	8	16.8	1	2.5	0	0.0
Ellis County	3	5.9	2	6.6	2	9.4	3	5.9	2	6.6	2	9.6
Garfield County	72	11.9	52	10.1	28	6.9	66	11.7	46	9.6	26	7.1
Garvin County	36	16.3	19	9.0	19	10.8	34	16.7	19	10.1	18	12.2
Grady County	46	13.6	39	11.6	19	6.6	39	12.7	36	11.8	15	5.9
Grant County	3	7.0		0.0	3	9.3	3	7.2	0	0.0	3	9.6
Greer County	7	16.6	6	15.7	4	12.1	5	13.2	4	11.4	3	10.3
Harmon County	4	11.9	3	9.7	6	24.0	4	14.1	3	11.7	2	9.5
Harper County	5	13.1	2	7.5	2	10.2	5	13.1	2	7.5	2	10.4
Haskell County	9	12.0	9	12.2	4	6.2	7	10.8	8	13.1	4	7.6
Hughes County	13	13.7	5	5.6	7	8.9	9	13.5	2	3.3	5	10.2
Jackson County	18	5.7	21	6.4	25	8.7	15	5.6	16	5.7	19	7.8
Jefferson County	11	18.8	4	8.8	5	12.5	11	19.5	4	9.3	5	13.5
Johnston County	10	14.2	8	12.4	3	4.8	8	14.4	7	13.9	3	6.7

BLACK:	1978-82 #	1978-82 RATE	1983-87 #	1983-87 RATE	1988-92 #	1988-92 RATE
	488	19.4	418	16.0	380	13.9
	0	0.0	0	n/a	0	0.0
	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0
	0	0.0	2	40.0	1	16.4
	0	n/a	0	0.0	0	n/a
	0	0.0	2	37.7	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1	11.1	1	13.2	3	37.0
	2	16.3	0	0.0	1	8.3
	9	21.8	4	10.7	3	7.8
	2	69.1	0	0.0	1	23.3
	7	35.5	2	9.9	2	8.2
	0	0.0	0	n/a	0	n/a
	3	12.4	7	19.4	5	11.4
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	47	18.5	40	14.1	40	13.7
	1	58.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	7	37.2	1	5.4	4	18.6
	0	0.0	4	29.4	1	8.1
	0	n/a	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	n/a	0	0.0
	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0
	5	19.2	6	23.0	1	3.7
	2	32.3	0	0.0	1	11.9
	5	30.7	3	16.9	3	17.2
	0	0.0	0	n/a	0	0.0
	1	30.3	2	71.4	1	34.5
	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	88.2
	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0
	1	21.7	1	28.6	0	0.0
	3	7.2	4	10.0	6	15.9
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	1	66.7	0	0.0

AMERICAN INDIAN:	1978-82 #	1978-82 RATE	1983-87 #	1983-87 RATE	1988-92 #	1988-92 RATE
	244	10.3	171	6.5	154	5.3
	6	10.0	9	8.7	17	13.7
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1	10.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	2	8.3	7	34.1	3	20.0
	3	12.2	1	5.0	0	0.0
	17	18.2	11	11.1	7	7.7
	3	10.8	3	11.2	1	3.0
	2	8.1	3	13.5	1	3.0
	8	7.6	4	3.1	9	6.0
	1	4.3	2	10.3	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	n/a
	2	4.6	2	4.8	3	5.6
	1	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
	13	16.1	5	6.6	3	3.9
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	2	9.4	2	7.3	0	0.0
	4	10.1	2	3.7	4	6.1
	5	20.4	2	8.4	4	17.3
	3	4.5	2	2.7	6	7.1
	3	41.1	2	37.0	0	0.0
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	1	7.9	0	0.0	1	9.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	2	12.7	0	0.0	1	6.6
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	200.0
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	2	21.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
	3	12.9	2	8.0	2	7.8
	0	0.0	1	14.1	0	0.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	2	16.8	0	0.0	0	0.0

• Almost 5,000 babies died before their first birthday in Oklahoma during the last decade.

• More than half of all infant deaths occur within one month of birth.

INFANT MORTALITY

TOTAL:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92		OTHER: 1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE	#	RATE
Kay County	48	11.8	48	12.1	28	7.9	39	10.9	43	12.5	21	7.0
Kingfisher County	19	13.5	9	6.5	4	4.3	17	13.0	9	6.9	4	4.7
Kiowa County	21	21.4	8	8.6	9	12.4	16	19.6	5	6.6	7	12.0
Latimer County	7	10.9	4	6.3	11	15.4	5	10.4	3	6.4	10	18.9
Le Flore County	26	8.7	32	10.8	24	7.7	23	9.2	27	10.7	24	9.4
Lincoln County	23	11.4	20	9.4	20	10.9	22	12.1	15	7.8	20	12.6
Logan County	25	11.6	19	8.2	11	6.2	16	8.9	15	7.5	10	6.7
Love County	6	11.7	9	17.8	3	5.4	6	12.8	9	19.8	3	6.4
McClain County	14	8.9	21	12.1	18	12.0	14	9.3	20	12.2	17	12.3
McCurtain County	46	15.2	24	8.7	26	9.2	28	13.4	21	11.4	18	10.1
McIntosh County	7	7.2	14	13.0	10	10.9	6	8.8	10	14.5	7	12.0
Major County	13	17.1	3	4.6	4	9.2	12	16.1	3	4.7	4	9.3
Marshall County	11	17.4	5	8.1	11	16.9	11	20.0	5	9.6	9	18.8
Mayes County	27	10.7	21	8.6	24	9.9	21	12.3	15	9.3	20	14.3
Murray County	10	11.2	14	16.2	9	12.7	8	10.3	11	14.8	8	15.3
Muskogee County	77	13.2	70	12.4	59	11.4	57	13.6	52	13.8	35	11.0
Noble County	11	11.7	11	12.2	4	5.8	7	8.7	9	11.6	3	5.1
Nowata County	5	6.1	4	5.7	5	7.9	4	5.9	4	7.5	5	11.1
Okfuskee County	5	5.6	12	13.8	6	8.5	4	7.5	9	17.4	3	7.5
Oklahoma County	782	14.4	689	12.2	552	10.9	549	13.0	493	11.3	378	9.9
Okmulgee County	38	12.3	28	9.1	16	6.2	21	9.8	20	9.5	10	5.8
Osage County	24	8.8	20	6.9	13	5.4	16	7.7	13	5.9	8	4.8
Ottawa County	27	11.8	25	11.7	10	4.6	18	10.6	25	16.4	9	5.9
Pawnee County	20	17.3	11	8.9	12	11.7	18	17.8	8	8.0	10	11.8
Payne County	62	13.4	35	7.9	15	3.9	57	13.5	33	8.2	14	4.1
Pittsburg County	37	13.9	38	14.0	21	8.1	29	13.1	30	13.1	17	8.3
Pontotoc County	28	11.7	23	9.2	13	5.7	22	11.3	19	9.6	12	7.4
Pottawatomie County	48	11.0	55	11.9	36	8.9	39	10.8	48	12.6	24	7.5
Pushmataha County	10	12.5	11	13.3	2	3.0	6	9.5	9	13.6	2	4.2
Roger Mills County	2	4.4	3	8.1	4	17.3	2	5.1	3	9.4	3	15.2
Rogers County	32	8.7	37	9.0	30	7.6	27	9.5	32	10.1	27	9.4
Seminole County	29	12.4	25	11.9	14	8.0	15	9.9	11	8.0	7	6.9
Sequoyah County	35	14.9	23	8.9	22	8.8	30	16.9	19	10.9	18	11.5
Stephens County	38	10.4	27	8.6	10	3.7	34	10.1	25	8.7	10	4.2
Texas County	19	11.4	26	16.8	13	11.5	19	11.6	26	17.2	13	11.7
Tillman County	16	15.3	12	13.8	2	2.7	12	14.1	12	17.4	2	3.4
Tulsa County	479	11.5	439	10.1	399	9.3	360	10.7	328	9.5	287	8.8
Wagoner County	23	7.5	19	5.8	16	5.0	17	6.5	16	5.8	14	5.6
Washington County	41	10.5	49	13.0	21	6.7	39	11.2	42	12.5	21	8.0
Washita County	15	10.8	14	13.2	6	8.7	14	10.4	14	13.6	5	7.6
Woods County	16	21.9	9	13.9	4	8.4	16	22.3	8	12.5	4	8.6
Woodward County	39	17.1	28	15.0	7	5.3	38	16.8	28	15.4	7	5.5

BLACK:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92		AM. INDIAN:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		2	13.8	1	6.6	1	6.0
	2	24.1	2	33.3	0	0.0		1	2.5	3	7.7	0	0.0
	0	0.0	2	29.4	0	0.0		1	7.7	3	21.7	0	0.0
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	195	20.5	174	16.7	157	15.0		38	13.6	22	8.8	17	7.8
	12	25.7	6	13.7	5	13.4		5	10.2	2	3.7	1	2.2
	6	41.7	2	12.7	1	5.6		2	4.0	5	9.3	4	7.2
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		9	15.3	0	0.0	1	1.6
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		2	14.9	3	14.6	2	11.6
	2	9.2	2	8.8	0	0.0		3	16.9	0	0.0	1	4.1
	6	50.5	3	26.5	1	8.2		2	6.2	5	16.3	3	7.1
	4	44.9	0	0.0	1	12.7		2	5.4	4	9.0	0	0.0
	2	16.3	3	21.9	5	27.5		7	11.2	4	5.9	7	10.0
	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		4	24.7	2	13.1	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	1	21.3	0	0.0		5	6.7	4	4.5	3	2.9
	4	17.2	4	22.0	4	22.2		10	16.9	10	18.8	3	5.5
	3	24.7	0	0.0	0	0.0		2	6.1	4	5.3	4	4.8
	3	25.4	1	8.6	0	0.0		1	6.1	1	7.2	0	0.0
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	3	20.8	0	0.0	0	0.0		1	20.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
	98	17.1	95	16.5	97	14.4		21	8.7	16	4.8	15	3.8
	5	20.9	3	30.9	2	11.0		2	7.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		1	26.3	0	0.0	1	30.3
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		1	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0

• Infant mortality rates more than doubled in seven Oklahoma counties since the mid-1980's.

n/a = no births in this category

THE BIG PICTURE

INFANT MORTALITY

STATE SNAPSHOT

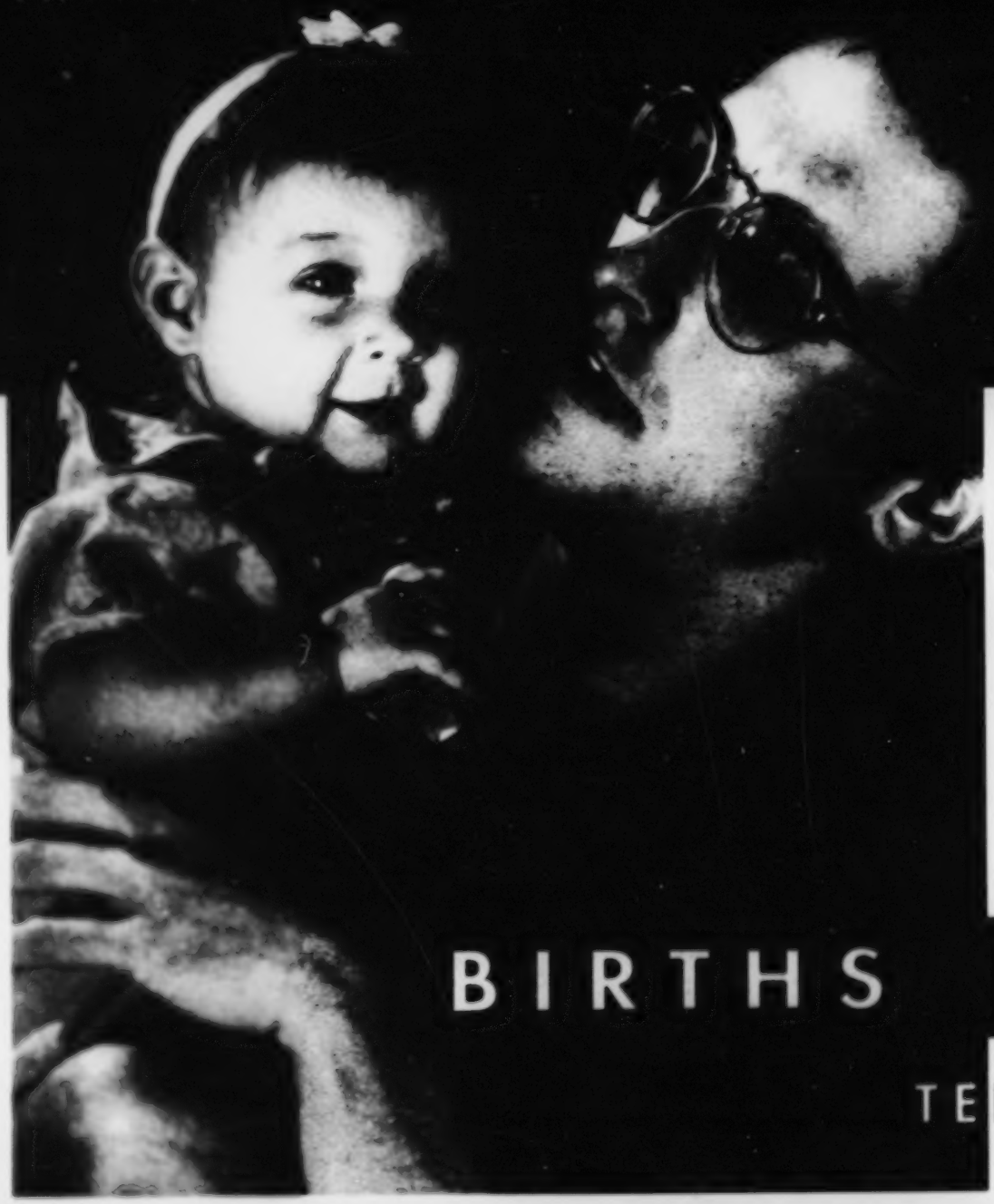
- Oklahoma's trend during the 1980's = 5.5 per 1,000 DECREASE in the rate of infant deaths
- At the beginning of the 1990's Oklahoma's average rate of infant deaths = 8.9 per 1,000 live births (virtually even with the 1991 national rate of 8.9 per 1,000)

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY RATES SINCE THE MID-1980's

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	51	66.2%
Worsened	26	33.8%

- TWENTY-NINE Oklahoma counties currently meet or do better than the national health goal of no more than 7 deaths per 1,000 births by the year 2000.
- TWENTY-FOUR Oklahoma counties currently meet or do better than the Oklahoma health goal of no more than 6.5 deaths per 1,000 births by the year 2000.
- The infant death rates in TWENTY-NINE Oklahoma counties (or 37.7%) are worse than the state average and the national rate (both are 8.9 per 1,000)



OKLAHOMA kids count

BIRTHS TEENS

BIRTHS TO TEENS

Every three hours a child in Oklahoma gives birth to a child. Even though teenage childbearing is declining in Oklahoma, almost 14,000 children (13,898) were born to mothers under 18 years of age during the five-year period ending in 1992. A decade before, 18,390 were born during a five-year period.

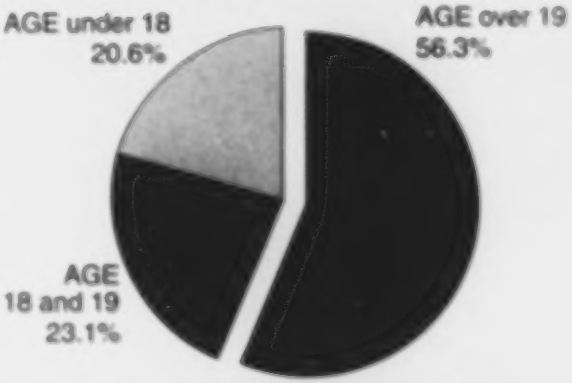
Racial differences paint a complex picture of teen parenting in Oklahoma. The rate of childbearing for Black teenagers (15.2 per 1,000) approaches three times that of white teenagers (5.4 per 1,000). The rate of childbearing for American Indian teenagers (10.3 per 1,000) is nearly double that of white teenagers (5.4 per 1,000). Nearly six percent (5.9%) of all babies are born to teenage mothers. For Black babies the proportion born to teenage mothers is twice as high at eleven percent. As a percent of all births within a race only the Black community has experienced increased teenage childbearing since the middle of the 1980's. Both white and American Indian teenage childbearing rates declined.

The cycle can be vicious. Pregnant teenagers are often short on resources and emotional support. The child carrying the child is less likely to get prenatal care and is more likely to have a baby with developmental or health difficulties. On the average babies born to teen mothers weigh nearly half a pound less (7.8 ounces) than infants born to adults. Premature births are twice as common among teenagers than among adults.

MOTHER'S AGE AT FIRST BIRTH

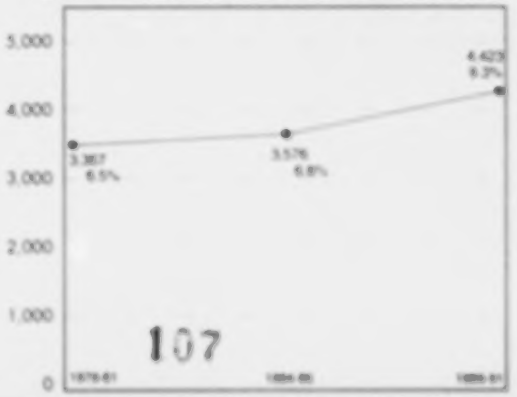
AMONG MOTHERS WITH A SUBSEQUENT LIVE BIRTH

Oklahoma: Sample
April 1990 to March 1993



BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENAGERS (Under Age 20)

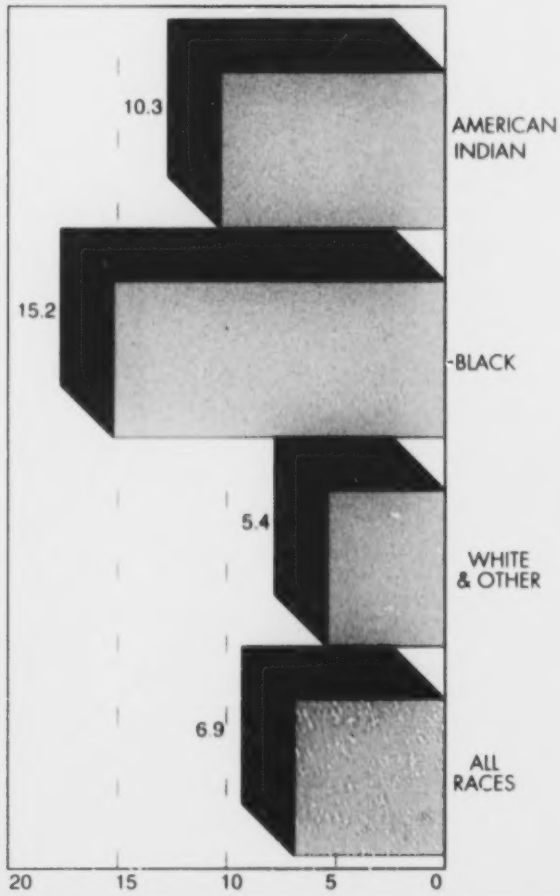
Average Annual Number and Percent
Oklahoma: 1979-81, 1984-86 and 1989-91



RATE OF BIRTHS TO TEENAGE MOTHERS

Average Annual Number of Births per 1000 Girls

Oklahoma, By Race: 1988 to 1992



A teen mother is less likely to finish her education. Statewide, only half will graduate. Employment prospects are diminished. She is more likely to stay poor. Two-thirds of the families begun by young teens have a family income that falls below poverty. The odds are stacked against the child-mother and her baby. More than half of the child abuse and neglect confirmed in Oklahoma occurs to children whose mothers gave birth to their first child before age 20. The mother is likely to have another child. One out of five mothers giving birth to a second, third or fourth child gave birth to her first child before reaching age 18. One out of four teen mothers had one or more previous babies.

Decreases in Oklahoma teen birth rates are offset by increases in the rate of births to unmarried women. Births to young unmarried women are steadily and significantly increasing. At the beginning of the decade an average of 6.5 percent of all births were to unwed mothers under age 20. By 1990, this annual average increased to 9.3 percent. Currently, each year more than 4,000 young mothers face parenting alone.

Births to unwed teenagers have a high public cost. In 1991, almost $220 million federal and state dollars ($219,094,000) were spent in Oklahoma for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps and Medicaid related to teen childbearing.

The high cost of teenage pregnancy and birth raises unsettling questions about whether the availability of welfare benefits affects a teen's decision to have

a child, keep the child, have more children or get married. Critics of the welfare system argue it plays a major role in the decision of a child to become a parent and is the main cause of the rising number of out-of-wedlock births. Researchers of national reputation in the areas of poverty, the labor market and family structure strongly dispute such contentions. Oklahoma information demonstrates that over two-thirds (68.0%) of the teen pregnancies in this state, regardless of poverty status or race, are not a decision at all ... the births were unintended. *The best social science research has found no evidence to support the contention that welfare increases unwed teen pregnancy.*

National goals for Year 2000 call for reducing pregnancy among girls age 17 and younger to no more than 50 per 1,000 adolescents. Since Oklahoma collects data on teen births and not on teen pregnancies, Oklahoma Year 2000 goals measure reductions in birthrate, not teen pregnancies. Oklahoma Year 2000 goals suggest reducing the births to teenage mothers, age 19 and under, twenty-five percent below 1988 levels. Oklahoma is going the wrong direction. Instead of decreasing any, by 1992, the rate of teenage birth in Oklahoma increased 5.1percent over 1988 figures. The majority of Oklahoma counties paralleled the state with increased teenage birthrates. Only 26 counties saw any decrease and only six of those (Craig, Latimer, Okfuskee, Atoka, Roger Mills and Greer Counties) decreased enough to reach the Year 2000 goal of a twenty-five percent decrease.

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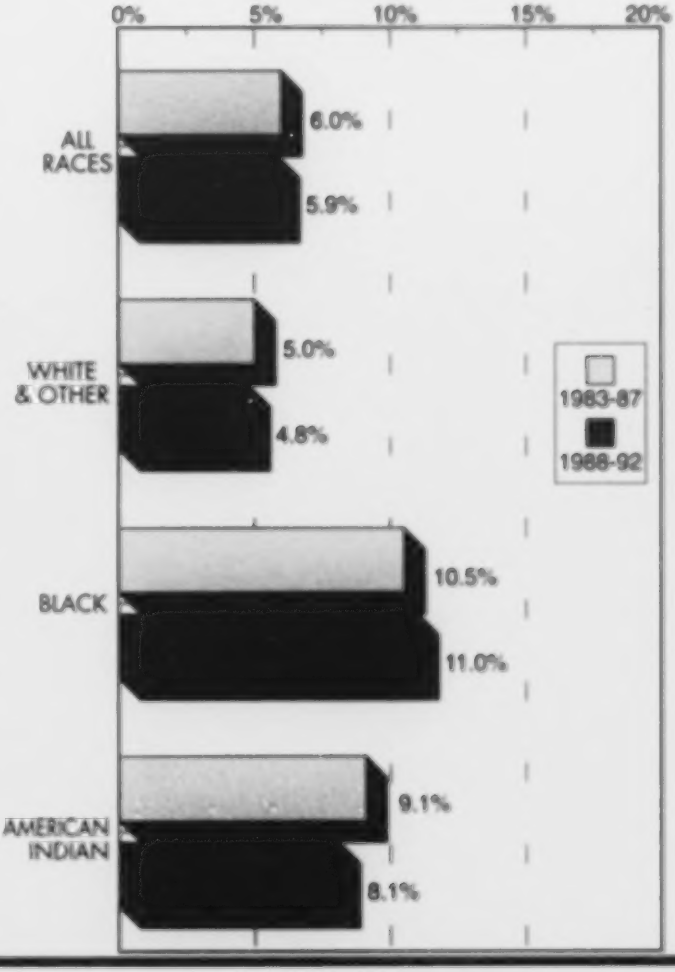
BIRTHS TO TEENAGE MOTHERS BY RACE

Average Annual Percent of Births
1983-87 and 1988-92



BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENAGERS
AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENT OF ALL BIRTHS
1989 through 1991

BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED TEENAGERS UNDER AGE 20:
Oklahoma and Counties, 3-Year Number and Average Annual Percent of All Births, 1979-81, 1984-86, 1989-91

	UNWED TEEN BIRTHS 1979-81	% ALL BIRTHS 1979-81	UNWED TEEN BIRTHS 1984-86	% ALL BIRTHS 1984-86	UNWED TEEN BIRTHS 1989-91	% ALL BIRTHS 1989-91
Adair County	117	11.6%	122	12.7%	144	13.1%
Alfalfa County	3	1.1%	5	2.0%	8	4.5%
Atoka County	35	7.0%	39	7.7%	49	9.9%
Beaver County	16	5.1%	11	4.2%	13	6.1%
Beckham County	63	5.4%	68	6.2%	78	9.2%
Blaine County	64	8.5%	51	7.5%	37	7.2%
Bryan County	94	7.5%	103	7.4%	127	10.0%
Caddo County	188	10.8%	157	9.6%	150	11.0%
Canadian County	99	3.3%	149	4.1%	199	6.3%
Carter County	162	7.9%	156	7.1%	185	10.1%
Cherokee County	110	7.8%	129	8.3%	184	11.1%
Choctaw County	82	10.0%	65	9.5%	99	13.8%
Cimarron County	13	7.6%	6	3.8%	6	5.0%
Cleveland County	187	3.1%	292	4.0%	404	5.9%
Coal County	15	5.7%	20	8.1%	24	9.9%
Comanche County	424	5.7%	457	6.0%	566	9.0%
Cotton County	15	5.0%	23	9.1%	20	8.7%
Craig County	34	5.6%	32	6.1%	36	6.8%
Creek County	160	5.7%	192	6.5%	226	8.7%
Custer County	85	5.6%	108	6.9%	118	10.1%
Delaware County	87	8.5%	73	7.0%	123	11.1%
Dewey County	7	2.2%	3	1.2%	10	4.8%
Ellis County	10	3.5%	1	0.6%	7	5.3%
Garfield County	122	3.4%	155	5.1%	195	7.9%
Garvin County	57	4.3%	80	6.3%	92	8.8%
Grady County	101	5.0%	118	5.8%	129	7.6%
Grant County	3	1.2%	6	2.1%	11	5.2%
Greer County	19	7.7%	19	9.0%	26	13.3%
Harmon County	26	13.1%	13	7.5%	16	11.3%
Harper County	8	3.6%	6	3.9%	4	3.7%
Haskell County	25	5.6%	33	7.5%	32	8.9%
Hughes County	57	9.9%	53	10.3%	65	13.3%
Jackson County	125	6.6%	104	5.2%	140	8.2%
Jefferson County	22	6.3%	11	4.1%	16	6.6%
Johnston County	36	8.4%	31	7.9%	45	12.2%
Kay County	104	4.3%	104	4.5%	153	7.1%
Kingfisher County	35	4.1%	31	3.7%	42	7.6%
Kiowa County	61	10.1%	46	8.5%	33	7.6%
Latimer County	29	7.3%	22	6.1%	41	9.4%
Le Flore County	106	6.0%	143	8.0%	159	8.6%
Lincoln County	72	5.9%	82	11.2%	97	8.8%
Logan County	101	7.6%	69	10.2%	105	9.9%
Love County	18	6.6%	23	49.1%	40	11.5%
McClain County	30	3.3%	55	13.4%	57	6.4%
McCurtain County	184	10.4%	210	8.7%	213	12.7%
McIntosh County	49	9.1%	61	21.9%	53	9.7%
Major County	11	2.5%	10	35.1%	21	8.2%
Marshall County	18	4.6%	23	37.8%	29	7.7%
Mayes County	86	5.5%	89	9.8%	131	9.2%
Murray County	31	5.8%	29	28.4%	41	9.4%
Muskogee County	371	10.3%	393	4.2%	413	13.0%
Noble County	25	4.4%	35	26.1%	28	7.0%
Nowata County	26	5.3%	22	34.0%	35	9.1%
Okfuskee County	59	11.5%	59	27.7%	56	13.0%
Oklahoma County	2,463	7.6%	2,737	0.4%	3,427	11.2%
Okmulgee County	203	10.8%	202	7.7%	191	12.4%
Osage County	62	4.0%	89	8.0%	105	7.2%
Ottawa County	79	5.7%	77	11.1%	120	9.3%
Pawnee County	26	3.8%	44	19.3%	36	5.8%
Payne County	69	2.5%	84	5.3%	118	5.1%
Pittsburg County	129	8.3%	132	8.7%	152	9.7%
Pontotoc County	64	4.4%	90	9.4%	110	8.0%
Pottawatomie County	173	6.5%	183	5.1%	227	9.3%
Pushmataha County	36	7.5%	31	29.4%	32	8.4%
Roger Mills County	15	5.8%	11	68.4%	13	8.7%
Rogers County	102	4.7%	110	5.8%	167	6.9%
Seminole County	148	10.6%	114	11.5%	143	13.6%
Sequoyah County	112	7.9%	136	9.4%	157	10.4%
Stephens County	84	3.8%	102	7.5%	133	8.1%
Texas County	37	3.6%	38	14.9%	54	7.7%
Tillman County	69	11.2%	66	28.4%	47	11.8%
Tulsa County	1,872	7.4%	1,782	0.5%	2,320	8.9%
Wagoner County	109	6.1%	127	7.2%	154	7.9%
Washington County	70	3.1%	94	6.2%	135	7.0%
Washita County	28	3.5%	23	24.3%	31	7.3%
Woods County	16	3.7%	13	37.4%	11	3.7%
Woodward County	49	3.6%	46	13.3%	52	6.3%
Unknown County	0		0		2	12.5%

TEENAGE BIRTH RATE:
Average Annual Birth Rate per 1000 Girls under Age 18; Oklahoma and Counties, By Race: 1988 to 1992

	RATE/ 1000 TEENS (All Races)	RATE/ 1000 WHITE (& OTHER) TEENS	RATE/ 1000 BLACK TEENS	RATE/ 1000 AMERICAN INDIAN TEENS
STATE TOTALS	**6.9**	**5.4**	**15.2**	**10.3**
Adair County	11.8	8.1	–	14.6
Alfalfa County	3.8	4.0	–	0.0
Atoka County	8.6	8.0	20.9	7.2
Beaver County	6.8	6.9	n/a	0.0
Beckham County	6.8	6.4	19.8	4.7
Blaine County	6.4	4.7	6.5	15.3
Bryan County	7.9	8.2	7.8	6.7
Caddo County	8.4	6.3	15.9	11.8
Canadian County	3.6	3.3	16.0	4.0
Carter County	8.4	6.8	16.4	10.8
Cherokee County	8.3	5.4	7.0	11.6
Choctaw County	11.9	8.8	23.3	11.7
Cimarron County	4.6	4.6	n/a	–
Cleveland County	3.6	3.5	5.9	3.2
Coal County	8.8	6.1	40.0	15.8
Comanche County	7.7	5.5	12.3	17.9
Cotton County	6.1	5.1	21.4	9.5
Craig County	6.0	5.3	3.6	8.2
Creek County	6.8	5.7	19.6	10.3
Custer County	6.7	5.9	12.3	11.1
Delaware County	9.0	6.8	–	12.6
Dewey County	4.9	4.6	–	8.0
Ellis County	4.0	4.1	–	0.0
Garfield County	5.7	4.6	22.0	11.9
Garvin County	7.0	6.3	20.0	8.0
Grady County	5.0	4.4	16.8	4.1
Grant County	3.3	3.4	–	0.0
Greer County	14.2	14.6	11.3	10.5
Harmon County	9.5	8.9	13.5	0.0
Harper County	4.8	4.8	n/a	0.0
Haskell County	7.9	8.0	0.0	8.3
Hughes County	8.1	6.1	15.6	11.7
Jackson County	7.8	6.4	16.8	7.8
Jefferson County	5.3	5.8	–	0.0
Johnston County	9.4	7.3	6.1	17.1
Kay County	6.5	6.0	11.3	9.3
Kingfisher County	4.2	4.0	4.1	8.3
Kiowa County	6.9	5.5	13.3	12.4
Latimer County	8.9	7.9	37.5	10.9
Le Flore County	8.6	8.0	11.1	11.0
Lincoln County	5.5	5.0	13.9	7.8
Logan County	4.7	4.3	8.7	4.0
Love County	7.2	6.6	9.1	10.9
McClain County	5.2	5.2	9.1	4.8
McCurtain County	10.3	8.9	14.2	12.5
McIntosh County	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.3
Major County	3.4	3.5	n/a	0.0
Marshall County	7.0	5.6	6.7	13.7
Mayes County	7.1	5.1	0.0	13.1
Murray County	7.5	5.3	9.1	17.3
Muskogee County	9.4	6.7	16.8	12.3
Noble County	3.5	3.5	0.0	4.1
Nowata County	6.6	5.9	20.0	5.9
Okfuskee County	6.3	5.0	9.9	7.4
Oklahoma County	8.2	6.0	16.0	9.3
Okmulgee County	7.9	7.1	12.4	7.0
Osage County	4.2	3.9	4.0	5.1
Ottawa County	7.9	6.8	0.0	11.1
Pawnee County	6.1	5.7	0.0	9.1
Payne County	4.3	4.1	8.7	3.5
Pittsburg County	8.5	8.3	7.7	9.9
Pontotoc County	5.6	4.5	6.1	9.1
Pottawatomie County	7.0	5.4	11.7	13.0
Pushmataha County	8.7	9.3	0.0	7.2
Roger Mills County	2.8	2.7	–	4.7
Rogers County	5.4	3.9	3.1	12.2
Seminole County	8.2	5.0	12.4	15.1
Sequoyah County	8.0	6.4	10.3	11.9
Stephens County	6.1	5.5	14.0	11.4
Texas County	5.5	5.4	0.0	15.4
Tillman County	9.3	7.7	17.9	10.7
Tulsa County	6.8	4.5	17.9	11.7
Wagoner County	5.3	4.7	8.8	7.9
Washington County	5.1	4.5	9.4	8.7
Washita County	4.8	4.6	–	10.2
Woods County	3.2	3.3	–	0.0
Woodward County	3.9	4.0	–	0.0

n/a = no girls in this category
– = numbers too small to calculate a meaningful rate

TEENAGE BIRTHS: Five-Year Number and Average Annual Percent of Births to Mothers under 18 Years of Age; By Race; Oklahoma and Counties: 1978-82; 1983-87; 1988-92 (Includes Married Teens)

TOTAL:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92		WHITE & OTHER:	1978-82		1983-87		1988-92	
	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%	#	%
STATE TOTALS	**18,390**	**7.1%**	**15,684**	**6.0%**	**13,989**	**5.9%**		**12,666**	**6.0%**	**10,573**	**5.0%**	**8,627**	**4.8%**
Adair County	197	11.7%	186	11.5%	159	8.6%		75	10.2%	55	9.4%	47	7.8%
Alfalfa County	10	2.2%	17	3.9%	13	4.4%		9	2.0%	15	3.6%	13	4.5%
Atoka County	91	10.6%	70	8.0%	67	8.2%		66	9.4%	47	6.7%	47	7.8%
Beaver County	27	5.1%	22	4.9%	28	7.7%		27	5.2%	22	5.0%	28	7.8%
Beckham County	185	8.7%	134	6.9%	87	6.3%		174	8.5%	112	6.2%	77	6.1%
Blaine County	109	8.5%	89	7.6%	51	6.1%		75	7.5%	57	6.3%	30	4.7%
Bryan County	178	8.2%	195	8.5%	155	7.1%		146	7.7%	167	8.1%	126	7.0%
Caddo County	303	10.0%	225	7.8%	173	7.4%		173	8.6%	111	6.1%	82	6.2%
Canadian County	255	5.1%	263	4.4%	198	3.8%		219	4.8%	227	4.1%	165	3.5%
Carter County	312	8.9%	266	7.5%	239	7.7%		211	7.4%	199	6.7%	148	6.2%
Cherokee County	221	9.3%	180	7.3%	185	6.9%		87	6.7%	73	6.4%	62	5.5%
Choctaw County	170	12.6%	142	12.2%	123	10.4%		103	11.3%	80	10.5%	56	8.3%
Cimarron County	19	7.6%	13	4.7%	10	5.0%		19	7.6%	13	4.7%	10	5.0%
Cleveland County	440	4.4%	469	3.9%	402	3.6%		388	4.2%	415	3.7%	357	3.5%
Coal County	42	9.5%	37	9.1%	33	8.4%		29	9.4%	26	8.2%	17	6.0%
Comanche County	760	6.0%	665	5.2%	591	5.3%		445	4.7%	403	4.4%	301	4.1%
Cotton County	35	7.2%	37	8.4%	26	6.3%		26	6.3%	21	5.8%	19	5.7%
Craig County	69	6.8%	58	6.4%	49	5.5%		42	5.6%	40	6.7%	30	5.2%
Creek County	386	8.1%	323	6.6%	284	6.5%		314	7.5%	245	5.9%	203	5.8%
Custer County	191	7.2%	155	6.0%	117	6.1%		156	6.8%	117	5.3%	88	5.6%
Delaware County	169	9.9%	145	8.2%	150	8.0%		81	7.8%	68	6.7%	70	6.9%
Dewey County	46	8.4%	26	5.8%	18	5.3%		39	8.2%	24	6.1%	15	4.9%
Ellis County	31	6.1%	13	4.3%	11	5.2%		30	6.0%	13	4.3%	11	5.3%
Garfield County	327	5.4%	243	4.7%	208	5.1%		285	5.0%	206	4.3%	154	4.2%
Garvin County	160	7.2%	147	7.0%	115	6.6%		139	6.8%	120	6.4%	89	6.0%
Grady County	270	8.0%	199	5.9%	145	5.0%		232	7.5%	170	5.6%	113	4.4%
Grant County	25	5.9%	13	2.9%	12	3.7%		25	6.0%	11	2.5%	12	3.8%
Greer County	35	8.3%	47	12.3%	44	13.3%		28	7.4%	46	13.2%	40	13.7%
Harmon County	34	10.1%	36	11.8%	23	9.2%		23	8.1%	28	11.1%	18	8.5%
Harper County	24	6.3%	13	4.9%	12	6.1%		24	6.3%	13	4.9%	12	6.2%
Haskell County	75	10.0%	57	7.8%	55	8.5%		57	8.8%	49	8.0%	43	8.2%
Hughes County	104	11.0%	64	7.1%	62	7.9%		71	10.6%	33	5.4%	32	6.5%
Jackson County	236	7.5%	185	5.6%	160	5.6%		177	6.6%	145	5.2%	114	4.7%
Jefferson County	67	11.3%	30	6.6%	23	5.7%		64	11.4%	29	6.8%	23	6.2%
Johnston County	65	9.2%	58	9.0%	60	9.6%		50	9.0%	45	9.0%	35	7.8%
Kay County	222	5.4%	165	4.2%	201	5.7%		186	5.2%	140	4.1%	158	5.3%

BLACK: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %	AMERICAN INDIAN: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
3,114	**12.4%**	**2,740**	**10.5%**	**3,006**	**11.0%**	**2,610**	**11.0%**	**2,371**	**9.1%**	**2,356**	**8.1%**
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	122	12.9%	131	12.6%	112	9.0%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	2	20.0%	0	0.0%
13	19.7%	10	20.0%	9	14.8%	12	13.0%	13	10.9%	11	7.3%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
6	11.3%	10	18.9%	8	14.8%	5	13.9%	12	18.8%	2	3.6%
3	5.6%	7	12.3%	3	6.7%	31	12.9%	25	12.2%	18	12.0%
6	15.0%	4	8.5%	2	4.7%	26	10.6%	24	11.9%	27	7.8%
16	17.6%	12	15.8%	9	11.1%	114	12.2%	102	10.3%	82	9.0%
17	13.8%	16	10.4%	20	16.5%	19	6.9%	20	7.4%	13	4.0%
66	16.0%	33	8.8%	54	14.1%	35	14.2%	34	15.4%	37	11.1%
5	17.2%	1	2.6%	2	4.7%	129	12.2%	106	8.2%	121	8.0%
33	16.3%	36	17.7%	42	17.3%	34	14.6%	26	13.4%	25	9.2%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a
7	2.9%	23	6.4%	22	5.0%	45	10.3%	31	7.5%	23	4.3%
1	20.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	12	9.5%	11	13.3%	15	14.3%
227	9.0%	194	6.9%	208	7.1%	88	10.9%	68	9.0%	82	10.7%
4	23.5%	2	16.7%	3	21.4%	5	8.5%	14	20.3%	4	6.0%
7	15.6%	2	5.7%	1	2.4%	20	9.4%	16	5.8%	18	6.4%
23	12.2%	41	22.2%	31	14.4%	49	12.4%	37	6.8%	50	7.6%
13	11.5%	25	18.4%	10	8.1%	22	9.0%	13	5.5%	19	8.2%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	88	13.2%	77	10.3%	80	9.4%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	7	9.6%	2	3.7%	3	8.6%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
33	12.7%	30	11.5%	39	14.4%	9	7.1%	7	6.4%	15	13.5%
6	9.7%	12	13.8%	13	15.5%	15	12.6%	15	11.3%	13	7.0%
22	13.5%	17	9.6%	24	13.8%	16	10.2%	12	8.3%	8	5.3%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	15.4%	0	0.0%
6	18.2%	1	3.6%	3	10.3%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%
10	21.3%	8	16.7%	5	14.7%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
3	37.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	16.3%	8	7.0%	12	10.1%
5	10.9%	4	11.4%	6	15.4%	28	12.0%	27	10.8%	24	9.4%
54	12.9%	39	9.8%	43	11.4%	5	9.6%	1	1.4%	3	5.0%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	12.5%	1	5.3%	0	0.0%
4	14.3%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	11	9.2%	13	10.1%	24	14.9%
6	6.3%	3	3.5%	9	8.8%	30	7.8%	22	5.1%	34	7.7%

•An average of 2,880 babies are born to children each year in Oklahoma.

BIRTHS TO TEENS

TOTAL:	1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %	WHITE & OTHER:	1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
Kingfisher County	83	5.9%	64	4.6%	39	4.2%		71	5.4%	55	4.2%	35	4.1%
Kiowa County	111	11.3%	64	6.9%	51	7.0%		77	9.4%	47	6.2%	33	5.7%
Latimer County	75	11.7%	55	8.6%	61	8.6%		60	12.4%	39	8.3%	41	7.7%
Le Flore County	282	9.4%	264	8.9%	244	7.8%		223	8.9%	218	8.7%	183	7.2%
Lincoln County	182	9.0%	143	6.7%	108	5.9%		155	8.5%	126	6.6%	86	5.4%
Logan County	166	7.7%	107	4.6%	89	5.0%		126	7.0%	87	4.3%	68	4.6%
Love County	47	9.2%	43	8.5%	35	6.3%		41	8.8%	37	8.1%	27	5.8%
McClain County	104	6.6%	90	5.2%	77	5.1%		96	6.4%	81	4.9%	70	5.1%
McCurtain County	347	11.5%	296	10.8%	253	8.9%		197	9.4%	188	10.2%	143	8.0%
McIntosh County	104	10.7%	93	8.7%	71	7.8%		54	8.0%	58	8.4%	45	7.7%
Major County	49	6.4%	16	2.5%	18	4.1%		49	6.5%	15	2.3%	18	4.2%
Marshall County	73	11.5%	54	8.7%	42	6.5%		63	11.5%	42	8.0%	27	5.6%
Mayes County	189	7.5%	194	7.9%	155	6.4%		107	6.3%	93	5.8%	82	5.9%
Murray County	94	10.6%	58	6.7%	55	7.8%		67	8.7%	44	5.9%	31	5.9%
Muskogee County	556	9.5%	439	7.8%	428	8.2%		325	7.8%	239	6.3%	200	6.3%
Noble County	50	5.3%	45	5.0%	25	3.6%		30	3.8%	39	5.0%	21	3.6%
Nowata County	63	7.7%	46	6.5%	38	6.0%		39	5.7%	30	5.6%	24	5.3%
Okfuskee County	82	9.2%	78	9.0%	46	6.5%		49	9.2%	44	8.5%	21	5.3%
Oklahoma County	3,511	6.5%	3,207	5.7%	3,140	6.2%		2,178	5.2%	1,943	4.5%	1,699	4.5%
Okmulgee County	291	9.4%	245	8.0%	185	7.2%		164	7.6%	143	6.8%	114	6.6%
Osage County	186	6.9%	162	5.6%	118	4.9%		138	6.7%	123	5.6%	74	4.4%
Ottawa County	177	7.7%	142	6.6%	142	6.6%		116	6.8%	82	5.4%	88	5.7%
Pawnee County	80	6.9%	88	7.1%	60	5.8%		62	6.1%	65	6.5%	48	5.6%
Payne County	173	3.7%	138	3.1%	135	3.5%		148	3.5%	120	3.0%	117	3.4%
Pittsburg County	250	9.4%	238	8.8%	203	7.8%		198	8.9%	183	8.0%	153	7.5%
Pontotoc County	161	6.7%	143	5.7%	115	5.1%		114	5.9%	93	4.7%	71	4.4%
Pottawatomie County	321	7.4%	318	6.9%	272	6.7%		244	6.8%	241	6.3%	168	5.3%
Pushmataha County	92	11.5%	91	11.1%	57	8.5%		64	10.2%	63	9.5%	47	9.9%
Roger Mills County	37	8.2%	18	4.9%	8	3.5%		28	7.0%	14	4.4%	7	3.6%
Rogers County	228	6.2%	201	4.9%	204	5.1%		158	5.5%	130	4.1%	123	4.3%
Seminole County	246	10.5%	178	8.5%	136	7.8%		131	8.6%	79	5.7%	55	5.4%
Sequoyah County	231	9.9%	240	9.3%	185	7.4%		155	8.8%	135	7.7%	106	6.8%
Stephens County	233	6.4%	182	5.8%	163	6.0%		199	5.9%	152	5.3%	134	5.6%
Texas County	109	6.5%	73	4.7%	62	5.5%		108	6.6%	72	4.8%	60	5.4%
Tillman County	107	10.2%	113	13.0%	63	8.5%		76	8.9%	76	11.0%	43	7.2%
Tulsa County	2,720	6.5%	2,255	5.2%	2,176	5.0%		1,659	4.9%	1,366	4.0%	1,168	3.6%
Wagoner County	233	7.6%	182	5.5%	183	5.7%		175	6.7%	137	5.0%	136	5.4%
Washington County	182	4.7%	159	4.2%	155	4.9%		157	4.5%	121	3.6%	117	4.4%
Washita County	85	6.1%	49	4.6%	36	5.2%		80	6.0%	46	4.5%	33	5.0%
Woods County	40	5.5%	28	4.3%	15	3.1%		40	5.6%	28	4.4%	15	3.2%
Woodward County	149	6.5%	98	5.2%	50	3.8%		149	6.6%	94	5.2%	50	3.9%

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BLACK: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
10	25.0%	4	8.5%	1	3.7%
18	20.5%	12	13.6%	9	13.8%
0	0.0%	5	33.3%	3	17.6%
10	12.0%	5	8.3%	8	10.1%
11	15.1%	8	11.8%	8	12.1%
36	12.6%	16	6.3%	18	7.1%
3	15.0%	4	18.2%	2	9.5%
0	0.0%	2	14.3%	1	4.2%
80	19.9%	54	15.2%	48	11.2%
11	12.1%	8	8.9%	5	9.3%
0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
1	6.3%	2	22.2%	1	5.3%
0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
2	18.2%	2	10.5%	2	8.3%
150	14.3%	122	12.0%	125	12.5%
3	11.1%	2	10.5%	0	0.0%
12	36.4%	5	17.2%	6	20.7%
12	11.5%	12	11.7%	8	11.0%
1,065	11.2%	1,051	10.1%	1,256	12.0%
71	15.2%	47	10.8%	43	11.5%
9	6.3%	13	8.2%	14	7.8%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
1	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
15	6.9%	11	4.8%	11	6.7%
20	16.7%	18	15.9%	7	5.7%
8	9.0%	5	6.3%	4	5.1%
14	11.4%	17	12.4%	14	7.7%
1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
4	8.0%	6	12.8%	1	2.2%
35	15.1%	33	18.1%	20	11.1%
13	16.0%	14	18.7%	6	7.1%
19	16.1%	15	12.9%	12	11.2%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
25	17.4%	27	21.6%	17	19.1%
825	14.3%	669	11.6%	763	11.3%
22	11.5%	7	7.2%	14	7.7%
10	7.9%	13	9.5%	10	7.6%
2	40.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%

AM. INDIAN: 1978-82 #	1978-82 %	1983-87 #	1983-87 %	1988-92 #	1988-92 %
2	3.0%	5	10.2%	3	7.7%
16	20.3%	5	5.7%	9	11.5%
15	10.3%	11	7.2%	17	10.2%
49	12.4%	41	10.5%	53	10.6%
16	12.3%	9	6.5%	14	7.3%
4	5.7%	4	6.6%	3	8.3%
3	11.5%	2	6.5%	6	9.5%
8	13.3%	7	9.9%	6	6.1%
70	13.1%	54	10.0%	62	10.1%
39	19.2%	27	9.2%	21	7.6%
0	0.0%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%
9	12.9%	10	11.6%	14	9.2%
82	10.0%	101	12.0%	73	7.1%
25	24.0%	12	11.9%	22	13.6%
81	13.4%	78	8.9%	103	10.0%
17	13.5%	4	4.0%	4	4.1%
12	11.2%	11	7.7%	8	5.1%
21	8.2%	22	8.8%	17	7.3%
268	9.6%	213	8.5%	185	8.5%
56	11.7%	55	10.1%	28	6.1%
39	7.8%	26	4.8%	30	5.4%
61	10.4%	60	9.7%	54	8.7%
17	12.7%	23	11.2%	12	7.0%
10	5.6%	7	4.3%	7	2.9%
32	9.9%	37	12.1%	43	10.2%
39	10.6%	45	10.2%	40	7.2%
63	10.1%	60	8.8%	90	12.9%
27	16.7%	28	18.3%	10	5.5%
9	17.6%	4	8.2%	1	3.1%
66	8.8%	65	7.3%	80	7.6%
80	13.5%	66	12.4%	61	11.2%
63	12.8%	91	12.1%	73	8.7%
15	8.9%	15	10.9%	17	8.6%
1	3.6%	1	4.2%	2	13.3%
6	12.2%	10	17.9%	3	5.6%
236	9.8%	220	6.6%	245	6.3%
36	13.5%	38	8.8%	33	6.1%
15	5.2%	25	8.7%	28	7.4%
3	7.9%	3	11.1%	3	9.1%
0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
0	0.0%	3	7.7%	0	0.0%

•The birth rate for Black teenagers is nearly three times the rate for white teenagers. The birth rate for American Indian teenagers is nearly double the rate for white teenagers.

n/a = no births in this category

THE BIG PICTURE

BIRTHS TO TEENS

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend since the mid-1980's =

  1.7% DECREASE in the rate of births to teens under 18

  36.8% INCREASE in the rate of births to unwed teens under age 20

- At the beginning of the 1990's Oklahoma's average birth rate = 6.9 per 1,000 girls under age eighteen

- At the beginning of the 1990's 9.3% of all births were to unmarried teen mothers under age 20

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY BIRTH RATES TO UNWED MOTHERS SINCE THE MID-1980's

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	6	7.8%
Stayed Even	1	1.3%
Worsened	70	90.9%

- Only SIX Oklahoma counties currently meet or do better than the Oklahoma health goal of reducing births to mothers under age 20 to 25% below 1988 levels.

- The rate of births to unmarried teenage mothers under age 20 in TWENTY-EIGHT Oklahoma counties (or 36.4%) are worse than the state average of 9.3%

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

OKLAHOMA kids count

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

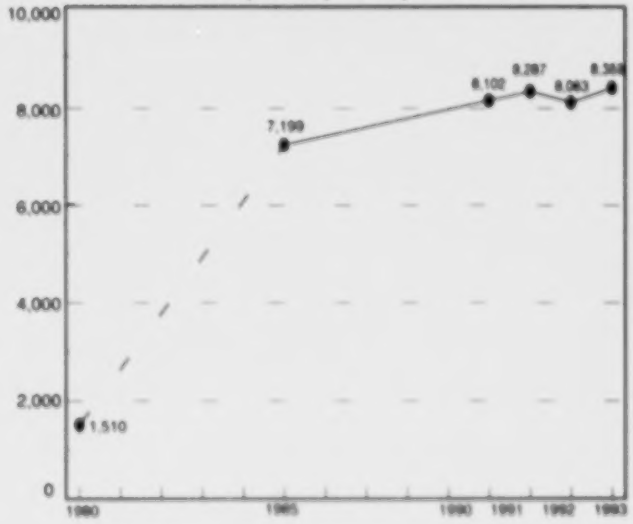
A family provides no sanctuary for many Oklahoma children. During the last four years, 94,841 allegations of child abuse and neglect were investigated. A third (32,511) were confirmed. Half of the victims will suffer delay in their development or serious physical or emotional impairments. Ninety-nine died.

Oklahoma public policy is clear. The state is to protect children from "abuse and neglect." *"Abuse and neglect" means harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare.* "Abuse" includes sexual abuse or non-accidental physical or mental injury. Half (49.5%) of the cases confirmed in Oklahoma in 1993 involved abuse. One-third (37.1%) of those included confirmed sexual abuse. "Neglect" includes failing to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care. Sixty percent (60.4%) of the cases confirmed in Oklahoma in 1993 involved neglect. Eight hundred twenty-nine of the confirmed incidents involved both abuse and neglect.

Before the middle of the 1980's less was known or documented about the mistreatment of children in Oklahoma. In 1980, 3,931 investigations verified 1,510 cases of abuse or neglect. Startling increases were reflected in these counts by 1985. For these early years, it is not possible to be certain whether these increases came to the attention of the state because of improved reporting systems or because of actual increases in child abuse and neglect. Most agree that levels of child mistreatment in Oklahoma are most accurately measured from 1985. Since 1985, confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect have steadily increased.

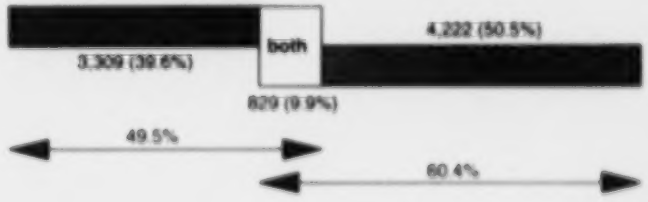
CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT CONFIRMATIONS

Oklahoma, 1980, 1985, 1990 - 1993



CONFIRMATIONS of CHILD MISTREATMENT

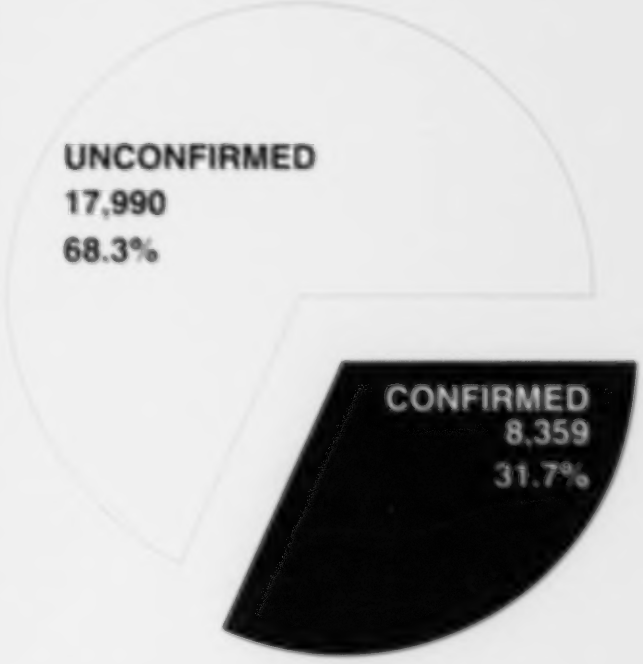
Oklahoma, By Type, 1993



INVESTIGATIONS: CONFIRMED vs. UNCONFIRMED

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS = 26,349

Oklahoma, 1993



1993 confirmations exceed 1985 confirmations by 1,160 – an increase of 16.1%. At this rate child abuse confirmations in the year 2000 will reach 9,600, exceeding 1993 confirmations by 1,245. This steady increase contrasts poorly to Oklahoma's Year 2000 goal of decreasing child abuse and neglect confirmations for the state to 6,082. Some individual counties did improve. In 1993, child abuse and neglect confirmations decreased below 1988 levels in 31 Oklahoma counties. Confirmations in 22 counties decreased enough to meet or exceed the Oklahoma Year 2000 goal.

Experts agree that these confirmed cases count only a small portion of children victimized by abuse and neglect. *Child victims may never be reported.* Child mistreatment is often kept hidden within a family. Very young children lack the ability to report or the knowledge that an incident is inappropriate. Older children are threatened into silence, embarrassed or not believed. Adults, including child-serving professionals, with knowledge or suspicion of abuse often fail to file reports. *Child victims may never be fully investigated.* In response to huge caseloads and budget constraints, Oklahoma uses guidelines intended to make sure the most urgent situations are referred quickly for formal investigation. Formal investigation begins the process of direct involvement with the family. In some instances a child case worker's only response is to question the caller and/or check agency records. Child case workers never contact the family or see the child when the allegation does not meet agency guidelines for child abuse and neglect. Common criteria for making such judgments shelve reports made by people making repeated unfounded

allegations, not having complete information or not communicating that there is a potential for risk or harm to the child. If the case involves abuse or neglect by someone other than the caretaker, it is not investigated by child welfare. Such "screening" has the potential to prevent investigation of legitimate abuse and neglect incidents. *Child victims may never be confirmed.* Child abuse or neglect is not "confirmed" in the largest share of the cases investigated (68.3% in 1993). While "unconfirmed" cases include false allegations or misinformation, they also include those cases for which there is simply not enough evidence to make an arrest or remove a child to safety. In 1993, results from investigations into 4,226 allegations were uncertain, failing either to confirm or rule out abuse.

•More than 32,000 children were abused or neglected in Oklahoma during the last four years.

•Confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Oklahoma have increased 16.1% since 1985.

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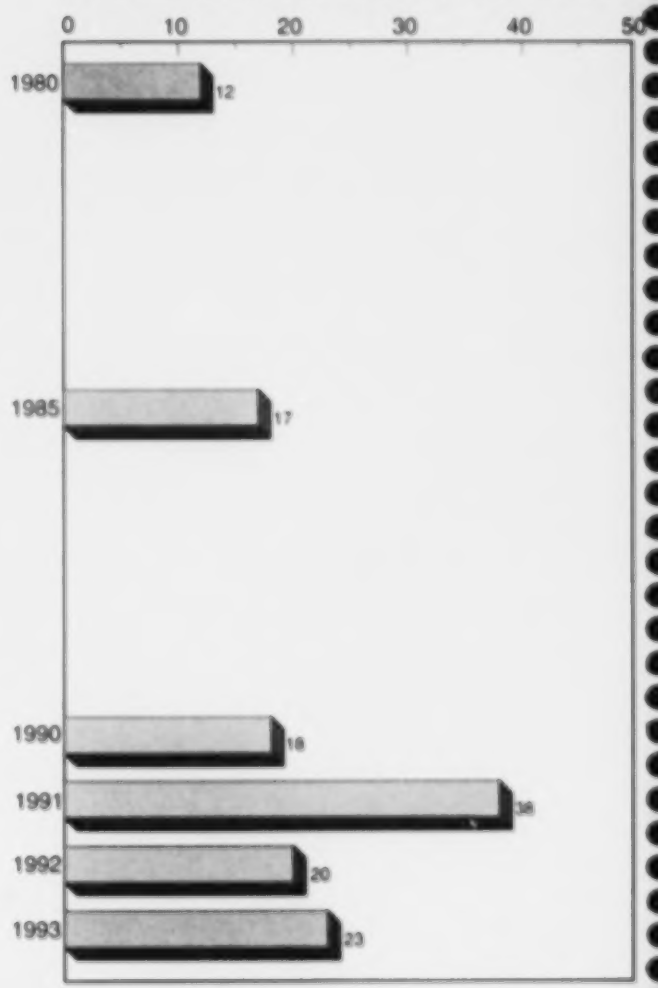
CHILD ABUSE DEATHS

Oklahoma, 1980, 1985, 1990 - 1993



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CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT CONFIRMATIONS

RATE per 1000 CHILDREN

1990

CHILD ABUSE and NEGLECT CONFIRMATIONS: Oklahoma and Counties;
Number of Confirmations after Investigation: 1980, 1985, 1990 - 1993
Rate per 1000 Children: 1990; Percent of Change: 1985 to 1993

	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	1990 rate/ 1000	85-93 CHANGE
Adair County	15	66	80	110	60	96	14.2	45.5%
Alfalfa County	0	32	8	23	21	45	5.9	40.6%
Atoka County	3	17	15	8	37	12	4.5	-29.4%
Beaver County	1	5	6	12	3	1	3.6	-80.0%
Beckham County	2	28	21	55	52	41	4.0	46.4%
Blaine County	8	68	69	67	46	40	21.8	-41.2%
Bryan County	59	187	116	120	92	72	14.4	-61.5%
Caddo County	22	22	93	78	32	69	11.0	213.6%
Canadian County	26	53	219	179	176	196	9.8	269.8%
Carter County	9	88	133	134	111	225	11.3	155.7%
Cherokee County	7	64	204	138	149	193	22.1	201.6%
Choctaw County	18	12	39	51	55	69	9.1	475.0%
Cimarron County	0	4	2	4	10	2	2.2	–
Cleveland County	40	283	328	355	229	282	7.1	-0.4%
Coal County	2	26	6	5	9	4	3.9	-84.6%
Comanche County	95	372	285	333	308	318	9.0	-14.5%
Cotton County	7	25	1	9	11	9	0.6	-64.0%
Craig County	3	41	34	11	38	36	10.3	-12.2%
Creek County	23	101	59	64	75	66	3.5	-34.7%
Custer County	12	74	44	57	28	56	6.2	-24.3%
Delaware County	6	31	57	49	43	31	8.4	0.0%
Dewey County	2	16	26	23	13	17	17.8	6.3%
Ellis County	0	8	0	0	3	17	0.0	112.5%
Garfield County	36	218	277	329	224	171	18.6	-21.6%
Garvin County	21	180	194	266	196	179	28.7	-0.6%
Grady County	16	150	163	173	117	103	13.8	-31.3%
Grant County	1	15	28	2	10	19	19.6	26.7%
Greer County	9	8	19	17	29	15	14.5	87.5%
Harmon County	0	3	0	1	1	3	0.0	–
Harper County	0	1	15	9	8	0	14.5	–
Haskell County	1	3	33	19	13	27	11.6	–
Hughes County	16	42	33	11	11	15	10.3	-64.3%
Jackson County	49	69	70	69	70	94	8.3	36.2%
Jefferson County	12	1	9	5	3	9	5.2	–
Johnston County	7	5	19	22	15	26	7.1	420.0%
Kay County	59	50	166	216	112	111	13.0	122.0%
Kingfisher County	4	31	30	38	46	27	7.9	-12.9%
Kiowa County	17	61	71	37	43	37	23.5	-39.3%
Latimer County	11	14	26	46	30	13	9.3	-7.1%
Le Flore County	37	190	213	163	209	203	17.9	6.8%
Lincoln County	18	76	103	83	131	134	12.5	76.3%
Logan County	8	125	69	85	64	88	8.7	-29.6%
Love County	0	12	31	10	2	23	15.1	91.7%
McClain County	9	57	59	85	109	73	9.4	28.1%
McCurtain County	34	100	124	110	125	161	12.5	61.0%
McIntosh County	4	47	46	38	77	87	11.7	85.1%
Major County	2	76	29	21	22	22	13.3	-71.1%
Marshall County	11	11	15	18	25	36	6.1	227.3%
Mayes County	18	135	142	154	155	139	15.6	3.0%
Murray County	0	68	42	50	41	43	13.7	-36.8%
Muskogee County	101	283	317	282	326	221	17.0	-21.9%
Noble County	13	4	39	47	28	26	13.1	–
Nowata County	6	36	34	46	22	22	13.5	-38.9%
Okfuskee County	2	40	13	4	4	4	4.3	-90.0%
Oklahoma County	165	1,456	1,323	1,382	1,497	1,368	8.4	-6.0%
Okmulgee County	9	34	55	102	65	81	5.6	138.2%
Osage County	2	38	39	64	121	69	3.4	81.6%
Ottawa County	7	65	61	57	47	14	8.3	-78.5%
Pawnee County	10	70	40	78	77	49	9.5	-30.0%
Payne County	51	207	278	329	251	165	21.4	-20.3%
Pittsburg County	46	98	78	59	102	129	7.8	31.6%
Pontotoc County	38	88	103	89	105	113	12.1	28.4%
Pottawatomie County	30	118	338	256	189	237	21.3	100.8%
Pushmataha County	6	8	17	27	27	41	6.1	412.5%
Roger Mills County	1	2	2	9	1	5	1.7	–
Rogers County	19	89	151	108	81	82	9.6	-7.9%
Seminole County	17	73	86	59	96	77	12.7	5.5%
Sequoyah County	20	44	202	210	212	267	21.0	506.8%
Stephens County	29	18	39	79	74	92	3.5	411.1%
Texas County	9	19	43	54	74	43	9.3	126.3%
Tillman County	5	33	23	16	25	45	7.9	36.4%
Tulsa County	103	666	562	483	661	991	4.3	48.8%
Wagoner County	15	89	64	77	110	95	4.5	6.7%
Washington County	15	86	176	186	197	165	14.2	91.9%
Washita County	8	24	55	58	51	98	17.8	308.3%
Woods County	10	58	29	37	74	64	14.8	10.3%
Woodward County	13	82	64	127	57	41	12.0	-50.0%

– = numbers too small to calculate a meaningful rate

CHILD ABUSE DEATHS:
Oklahoma, 1991 - 1993

	1991	1992	1993
STATE TOTALS	**38**	**20**	**23**
Adair County	0	3	0
Alfalfa County	1	0	0
Atoka County	0	0	0
Beaver County	1	0	0
Beckham County	0	0	0
Blaine County	0	0	0
Bryan County	0	0	0
Caddo County	0	0	0
Canadian County	3	0	0
Carter County	3	1	0
Cherokee County	1	0	0
Choctaw County	2	0	0
Cimarron County	0	0	0
Cleveland County	1	1	1
Coal County	0	0	0
Comanche County	2	0	0
Cotton County	0	0	0
Craig County	0	0	1
Creek County	0	1	0
Custer County	1	0	0
Delaware County	0	0	0
Dewey County	0	0	0
Ellis County	0	0	0
Garfield County	0	0	1
Garvin County	1	0	0
Grady County	0	1	0
Grant County	0	0	0
Greer County	0	0	0
Harmon County	0	0	0
Harper County	0	0	0
Haskell County	0	0	0
Hughes County	0	0	0
Jackson County	0	0	0
Jefferson County	0	0	0
Johnston County	0	0	0
Kay County	0	0	0
Kingfisher County	0	0	0
Kiowa County	0	0	0
Latimer County	0	1	0
Le Flore County	0	0	0
Lincoln County	2	0	1
Logan County	0	0	2
Love County	0	0	0
McClain County	0	0	0
McCurtain County	0	0	0
McIntosh County	0	0	0
Major County	0	2	0
Marshall County	0	0	1
Mayes County	0	0	0
Murray County	0	0	0
Muskogee County	0	0	0
Noble County	0	0	0
Nowata County	1	0	0
Okfuskee County	0	0	0
Oklahoma County	8	6	12
Okmulgee County	0	0	0
Osage County	0	1	0
Ottawa County	0	0	0
Pawnee County	0	0	0
Payne County	0	0	0
Pittsburg County	0	0	0
Pontotoc County	0	0	0
Pottawatomie County	1	1	1
Pushmataha County	0	0	0
Roger Mills County	0	0	0
Rogers County	0	0	0
Seminole County	0	0	0
Sequoyah County	0	0	1
Stephens County	0	0	0
Texas County	1	0	0
Tillman County	0	0	0
Tulsa County	7	2	1
Wagoner County	0	0	1
Washington County	0	0	0
Washita County	0	0	0
Woods County	0	0	0
Woodward County	2	0	0

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT INVESTIGATION AND CONFIRMATIONS: Oklahoma and Counties, By Type, 1993

	REPORTED & INVESTIGATED							CONFIRMED							% CONFIRMED			
	ABUSE	%	NEGLECT	%	BOTH	%	TOTAL	ABUSE	%	NEGLECT	%	BOTH	%	TOTAL	ABUSE	NEGLECT	BOTH	TOTAL
STATE TOTALS	**9,545**	**36.2%**	**12,616**	**47.9%**	**4,188**	**15.9%**	**26,349**	**3,309**	**39.6%**	**4,222**	**50.5%**	**829**	**9.9%**	**8,359**	**34.7%**	**33.5%**	**19.8%**	**31.7%**
Adair County	71	37.0%	105	54.7%	16	8.3%	192	32	33.3%	53	55.2%	11	11.5%	96	45.1%	50.5%	68.8%	50.0%
Alfalfa County	10	17.5%	35	61.4%	12	21.1%	57	5	11.1%	31	68.9%	9	20.0%	45	50.0%	88.6%	75.0%	78.9%
Atoka County	34	40.0%	44	51.8%	7	8.2%	85	9	75.0%	3	25.0%	0	0.0%	12	26.5%	6.8%	0.0%	14.1%
Beaver County	1	–	0	–	0	–	1	0	–	0	–	1	–	1	–	n/a	n/a	–
Beckham County	56	31.6%	105	59.3%	16	9.0%	177	20	48.8%	18	43.9%	3	7.3%	41	35.7%	17.1%	18.8%	23.2%
Blaine County	40	44.4%	44	48.9%	6	6.7%	90	14	35.0%	22	55.0%	4	10.0%	40	35.0%	50.0%	66.7%	44.4%
Bryan County	169	37.2%	241	53.1%	44	9.7%	454	41	56.9%	18	25.0%	13	18.1%	72	24.3%	7.5%	29.5%	15.9%
Caddo County	63	22.3%	181	64.2%	38	13.5%	282	14	20.3%	46	66.7%	9	13.0%	69	22.2%	25.4%	23.7%	24.5%
Canadian County	183	48.8%	156	41.6%	36	9.6%	375	130	66.3%	60	30.6%	6	3.1%	196	71.0%	38.5%	16.7%	52.3%
Carter County	201	29.3%	350	50.9%	136	19.8%	687	82	36.4%	118	52.4%	25	11.1%	225	40.8%	33.7%	18.4%	32.8%
Cherokee County	129	29.0%	261	58.7%	55	12.4%	445	49	25.4%	131	67.9%	13	6.7%	193	38.0%	50.2%	23.6%	43.4%
Choctaw County	50	34.7%	78	54.2%	16	11.1%	144	17	24.6%	49	71.0%	3	4.3%	69	34.0%	62.8%	18.8%	47.9%
Cimarron County	3	30.0%	4	40.0%	3	30.0%	10	2	–	0	–	1	–	2	66.7%	–	–	20.0%
Cleveland County	368	42.0%	393	44.8%	116	13.2%	877	111	39.4%	161	57.1%	10	3.5%	282	30.2%	41.0%	8.6%	32.2%
Coal County	6	16.7%	16	44.4%	14	38.9%	36	0	–	3	–	1	–	4	0.0%	18.8%	7.1%	11.1%
Comanche County	361	32.6%	615	55.6%	130	11.8%	1,106	109	34.3%	183	57.5%	26	8.2%	318	30.2%	29.8%	20.0%	28.8%
Cotton County	4	33.3%	8	66.7%	0	0.0%	12	1	11.1%	8	88.9%	0	0.0%	9	–	100.0%	n/a	75.0%
Craig County	63	41.2%	68	44.4%	22	14.4%	153	20	55.6%	15	41.7%	1	2.8%	36	31.7%	22.1%	4.5%	23.5%
Creek County	87	40.7%	117	54.7%	10	4.7%	214	30	45.5%	32	48.5%	4	6.1%	66	34.5%	27.4%	40.0%	30.8%
Custer County	78	31.3%	151	60.6%	20	8.0%	249	23	41.1%	33	58.9%	0	0.0%	56	29.5%	21.9%	0.0%	22.5%
Delaware County	88	33.2%	159	60.0%	18	6.8%	265	17	54.8%	12	38.7%	2	6.5%	31	19.3%	7.5%	11.1%	11.7%
Dewey County	19	43.2%	15	34.1%	10	22.7%	44	10	58.8%	4	23.5%	3	17.6%	17	52.6%	26.7%	30.0%	38.6%
Ellis County	12	38.7%	19	61.3%	0	0.0%	31	3	17.6%	14	82.4%	0	0.0%	17	25.0%	73.7%	n/a	54.8%
Garfield County	259	46.9%	246	44.6%	47	8.5%	552	84	49.1%	81	47.4%	6	3.5%	171	32.4%	32.9%	12.8%	31.0%
Garvin County	116	21.4%	317	58.6%	108	20.0%	541	34	19.0%	121	67.6%	24	13.4%	179	29.3%	38.2%	22.2%	33.1%
Grady County	125	31.6%	211	53.4%	59	14.9%	395	35	34.0%	59	57.3%	9	8.7%	103	28.0%	28.0%	15.3%	26.1%
Grant County	11	35.5%	17	54.8%	3	9.7%	31	5	26.3%	12	63.2%	2	10.5%	19	45.5%	70.6%	n/a	61.3%
Greer County	18	24.7%	28	38.4%	27	37.0%	73	10	66.7%	1	6.7%	4	26.7%	15	55.6%	3.6%	14.8%	20.5%
Harmon County	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	0	0.0%	6	1	–	2	–	0	–	3	–	–	n/a	50.0%
Harper County	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Haskell County	40	44.0%	45	49.5%	6	6.6%	91	15	55.6%	11	40.7%	1	3.7%	27	37.5%	24.4%	16.7%	29.7%
Hughes County	50	41.3%	44	36.4%	27	22.3%	121	7	46.7%	2	13.3%	6	40.0%	15	14.0%	4.5%	22.2%	12.4%
Jackson County	121	44.5%	134	49.3%	17	6.3%	272	37	39.4%	56	59.6%	1	1.1%	94	30.6%	41.8%	5.9%	34.6%
Jefferson County	4	25.0%	10	62.5%	2	12.5%	16	1	11.1%	6	66.7%	2	22.2%	9	–	60.0%	–	56.3%
Johnston County	38	28.6%	84	63.2%	11	8.3%	133	8	30.8%	17	65.4%	1	3.8%	26	21.1%	20.2%	9.1%	19.5%
Kay County	137	30.2%	260	57.3%	57	12.6%	454	36	32.4%	74	66.7%	1	0.9%	111	26.3%	28.5%	1.8%	24.4%
Kingfisher County	26	41.3%	28	44.4%	9	14.3%	63	7	25.9%	15	55.6%	5	18.5%	27	26.9%	53.6%	55.6%	42.9%
Kiowa County	24	15.2%	100	63.3%	34	21.5%	158	5	13.5%	24	64.9%	8	21.6%	37	20.8%	24.0%	23.5%	23.4%
Latimer County	44	46.3%	48	50.5%	3	3.2%	95	10	76.9%	3	23.1%	0	0.0%	13	22.7%	6.3%	–	13.7%

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	REPORTED & INVESTIGATED							CONFIRMED							% CONFIRMED			
	ABUSE	%	NEGLECT	%	BOTH	%	TOTAL	ABUSE	%	NEGLECT	%	BOTH	%	TOTAL	ABUSE	NEGLECT	BOTH	TOTAL
Le Flore County	164	30.1%	276	50.7%	104	19.1%	544	76	37.4%	103	50.7%	24	11.8%	203	46.3%	37.3%	23.1%	37.3%
Lincoln County	77	29.7%	114	44.0%	68	26.3%	259	42	31.3%	65	48.5%	27	20.1%	134	54.5%	57.0%	39.7%	51.7%
Logan County	97	36.7%	129	48.9%	38	14.4%	264	32	36.4%	54	61.4%	2	2.3%	88	33.0%	41.9%	5.3%	33.3%
Love County	16	30.8%	31	59.6%	5	9.6%	52	4	17.4%	16	69.6%	3	13.0%	23	25.0%	51.6%	60.0%	44.2%
McClain County	105	35.6%	102	34.6%	88	29.8%	295	34	46.6%	29	39.7%	10	13.7%	73	32.4%	28.4%	11.4%	24.7%
McCurtain County	171	26.4%	278	42.9%	199	30.7%	648	62	38.5%	59	36.6%	40	24.8%	161	36.3%	21.2%	20.1%	24.8%
McIntosh County	41	20.7%	92	46.5%	65	32.8%	198	17	19.5%	59	67.8%	11	12.6%	87	41.5%	64.1%	16.9%	43.9%
Major County	23	39.0%	29	49.2%	7	11.9%	59	11	50.0%	11	50.0%	0	0.0%	22	47.8%	37.9%	0.0%	37.3%
Marshall County	28	26.2%	50	46.7%	29	27.1%	107	12	33.3%	21	58.3%	3	8.3%	36	42.9%	42.0%	10.3%	33.6%
Mayes County	154	33.2%	269	58.0%	41	8.8%	464	56	40.3%	75	54.0%	8	5.8%	139	36.4%	27.9%	19.5%	30.0%
Murray County	71	32.6%	97	44.5%	50	22.9%	218	18	41.9%	17	39.5%	8	18.6%	43	25.4%	17.5%	16.0%	19.7%
Muskogee County	276	36.6%	366	48.5%	112	14.9%	754	83	37.6%	121	54.8%	17	7.7%	221	30.1%	33.1%	15.2%	29.3%
Noble County	30	39.0%	32	41.6%	15	19.5%	77	15	57.7%	11	42.3%	0	0.0%	26	50.0%	34.4%	0.0%	33.8%
Nowata County	47	44.8%	36	34.3%	22	21.0%	105	15	68.2%	7	31.8%	0	0.0%	22	31.9%	19.4%	0.0%	21.0%
Okfuskee County	9	45.0%	6	30.0%	5	25.0%	20	2	–	1	–	1	–	4	22.2%	16.7%	20.0%	20.0%
Oklahoma County	1,407	37.4%	1,635	43.5%	718	19.1%	3,760	587	42.9%	610	44.6%	171	12.5%	1,368	41.7%	37.3%	23.8%	36.4%
Okmulgee County	57	25.3%	148	65.8%	20	8.9%	225	23	28.4%	52	64.2%	6	7.4%	81	40.4%	35.1%	30.0%	36.0%
Osage County	107	29.2%	191	52.2%	68	18.6%	366	21	30.4%	39	56.5%	9	13.0%	69	19.6%	20.4%	13.2%	18.9%
Ottawa County	18	24.3%	52	70.3%	4	5.4%	74	3	21.4%	11	78.6%	0	0.0%	14	16.7%	21.2%	–	18.9%
Pawnee County	54	35.5%	80	52.6%	18	11.8%	152	24	49.0%	20	40.8%	5	10.2%	49	44.4%	25.0%	27.8%	32.2%
Payne County	219	38.0%	244	42.3%	114	19.8%	577	87	52.7%	65	39.4%	13	7.9%	165	39.7%	26.6%	11.4%	28.6%
Pittsburg County	117	48.5%	88	36.5%	36	14.9%	241	58	45.0%	54	41.9%	17	13.2%	129	49.6%	61.4%	47.2%	53.5%
Pontotoc County	149	30.5%	293	60.0%	46	9.4%	488	21	18.6%	87	77.0%	5	4.4%	113	14.1%	29.7%	10.9%	23.2%
Pottawatomie County	281	48.8%	220	38.2%	75	13.0%	576	105	44.3%	121	51.1%	11	4.6%	237	37.4%	55.0%	14.7%	41.1%
Pushmataha County	50	33.8%	60	40.5%	38	25.7%	148	12	29.3%	20	48.8%	9	22.0%	41	24.0%	33.3%	23.7%	27.7%
Roger Mills County	3	33.3%	6	66.7%	0	0.0%	9	0	0.0%	5	100.0%	0	0.0%	5	–	83.3%	n/a	55.6%
Rogers County	156	41.3%	147	38.9%	75	19.8%	378	43	52.4%	26	31.7%	13	15.9%	82	27.6%	17.7%	17.3%	21.7%
Seminole County	122	34.7%	191	54.3%	39	11.1%	352	22	28.6%	42	54.5%	13	16.9%	77	18.0%	22.0%	33.3%	21.9%
Sequoyah County	135	24.5%	301	54.5%	116	21.0%	552	52	19.5%	175	65.5%	40	15.0%	267	38.5%	58.1%	34.5%	48.4%
Stephens County	100	46.1%	60	27.6%	57	26.3%	217	56	60.9%	25	27.2%	11	12.0%	92	56.0%	41.7%	19.3%	42.4%
Texas County	35	49.3%	32	45.1%	4	5.6%	71	26	60.5%	17	39.5%	0	0.0%	43	74.3%	53.1%	–	60.6%
Tillman County	31	24.6%	76	60.3%	19	15.1%	126	11	24.4%	34	75.6%	0	0.0%	45	35.5%	44.7%	0.0%	35.7%
Tulsa County	1,696	44.0%	1,648	42.7%	513	13.3%	3,857	481	48.5%	432	43.6%	78	7.9%	991	28.4%	26.2%	15.2%	25.7%
Wagoner County	94	27.3%	180	52.3%	70	20.3%	344	36	37.9%	55	57.9%	4	4.2%	95	38.3%	30.6%	5.7%	27.6%
Washington County	173	46.8%	131	35.4%	66	17.8%	370	73	44.2%	65	39.4%	27	16.4%	165	42.2%	49.6%	40.9%	44.6%
Washita County	50	24.9%	98	48.8%	53	26.4%	201	29	29.6%	58	59.2%	11	11.2%	98	58.0%	59.2%	20.8%	48.8%
Woods County	31	29.0%	51	47.7%	25	23.4%	107	17	26.6%	35	54.7%	12	18.8%	64	54.8%	68.6%	48.0%	59.8%
Woodward County	38	35.5%	38	35.5%	31	29.0%	107	9	22.0%	27	65.9%	5	12.2%	41	23.7%	71.1%	16.1%	38.3%

n/a = no abuse cases in this category

– = numbers too small to calculate a meaningful rate

THE BIG PICTURE

CHILD ABUSE and NEGLECT

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend from 1985 to 1993 = 16.1% INCREASE in the number of confirmed child abuse and neglect cases

- At the beginning of the 1990's Oklahoma's rate of confirmed child abuse and neglect incidences = 9.7 per 1000 Oklahoma children

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COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY NUMBERS SINCE THE MID-1980's

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	30	39.0%
Stayed Even	1	1.3%
Worsened	39	50.6%
Numbers too small to calculate meaningful trend	7	9.1%

- TWENTY-TWO Oklahoma counties (or 28.6%) currently meet or do better than the Oklahoma health goal of a 20% reduction in confirmed child abuse & neglect below 1989 levels by the year 2000.

- The child abuse and neglect rates in THIRTY-NINE Oklahoma counties (or 50.6%) are worse than the state rate of 9.7 per 1000 children.

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OKLAHOMA kids count

CHILD & TEEN DEATH

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Accidents, disease and violence keep many Oklahoma children from growing up. Hundreds of children and teenagers die each year. Today, however, fewer Oklahoma children die than did in the early 1980's. The rates of death for younger children (age 1 through 14) and teenagers (age 15 through 19) have both decreased since the early 1980's but remain higher than state and national goals.

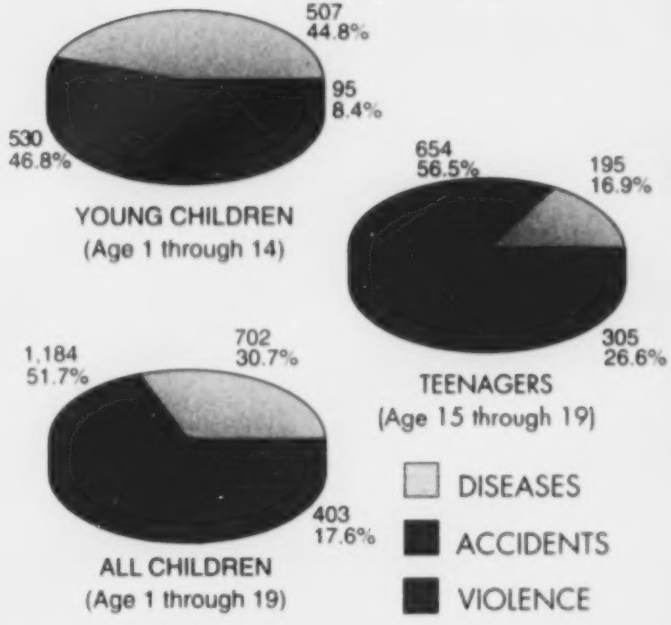
National and Oklahoma Year 2000 goals call for a fifteen percent reduction in the death rate for children age 1 through 14. Oklahoma's current average rate of 32.2 deaths per 100,000 children age 1 through 14 remains worse than both the resulting national (28 per 100,000 children) and state (27.4 per 100,000 children) targets. Oklahoma Year 2000 goals call for a reduction in the death rate for Oklahoma teens (age 15 through 19) to no more than 95 per 100,000. Oklahoma's current average rate of 99.3 deaths per 100,000 Oklahoma teens misses this mark also.

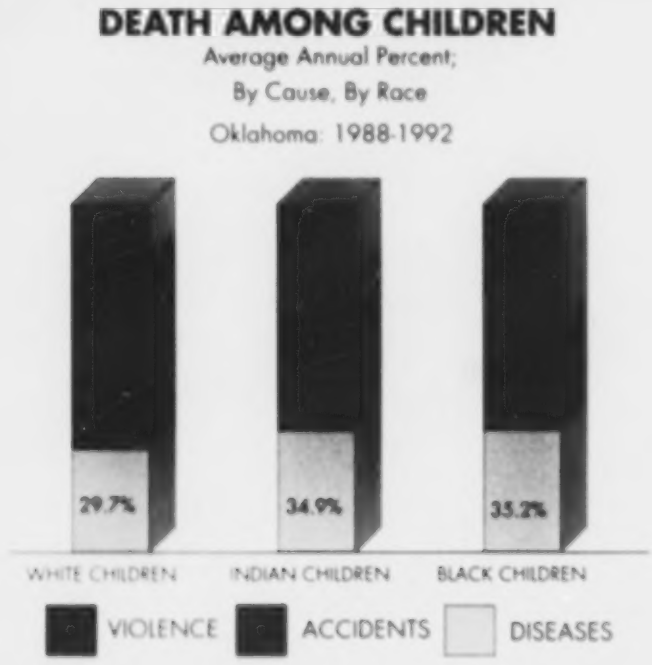
Oklahomans under age 18 are more likely to die of accidents (51.7% of all child deaths) than diseases (30.7% of all child deaths) or violence (17.6% of all child deaths). Younger children have a higher rate of death from disease and illness (44.8%) than do teenagers (16.9%). Teenagers have a higher rate of death from violence (26.6%) than do younger children (8.4%).

On the average, traffic accidents take the lives of 95 Oklahoma children each year. In the four years beginning in 1990, most of the children dying in traffic accidents were passengers (80.5%) rather than drivers; and male (55.1%)

CAUSE of DEATH AMONG CHILDREN, BY AGE

Oklahoma: Five-Year Number & Percent (1988-1992)





rather than female. Out of every five children killed in a traffic accident: one was a preschooler, one was early school age, and three were teenagers.

An unsettling number of Oklahoma children are murdered, commit suicide or are killed during some type of confrontation with police or other authorities. Such killings were the cause of 403 child deaths in the most recent five years recorded. Such violent death among Oklahoma's children has established a terrifying pattern. In the early 1980's less than twelve percent (11.8%) of all deaths of Oklahomans age 19 and under were caused by this type of violence. In the 1990's this proportion has increased to almost eighteen percent (17.6%). Teenagers are the most likely child victims. More than one in four (26.6%) of all of the teenagers (age 15 through 19) who die are murdered, commit suicide, or die in a confrontation with authorities.

Young Oklahomans are not strangers to acts of desperation. ***Oklahoma's young people kill themselves at a rate almost twice the national average.*** Suicide is second only to automobile deaths as the leading cause of death among young Oklahomans. Almost one in five (19.0%) of the suicides in Oklahoma since 1981 has been committed by persons under age 25. This startling data records the suicide deaths of ***two preschool children*** during this period. For victims less than 15 years of age, American Indian children have the highest rate of suicide.

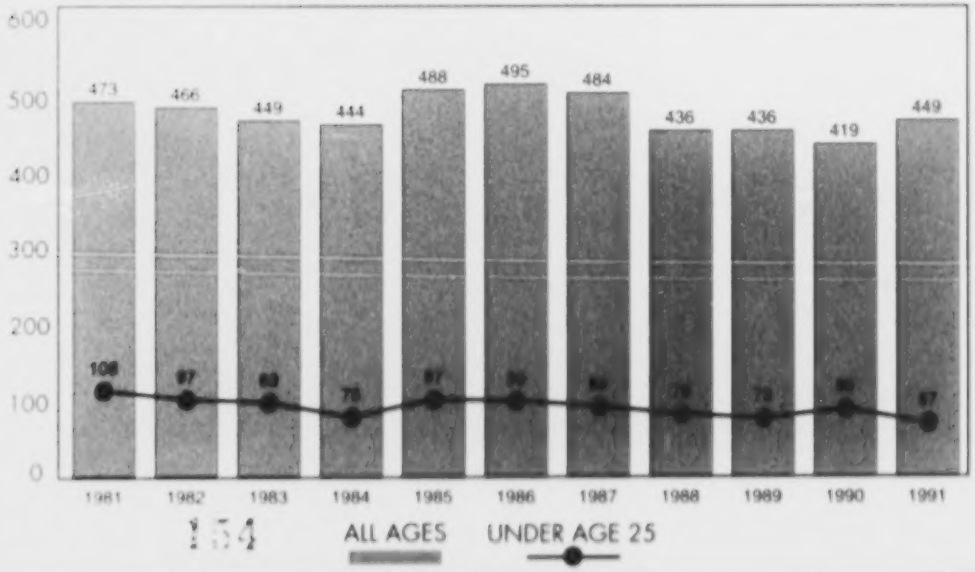
Data from recent years reveals staggering differences between the white and Black races in teen violent deaths and deaths by accident. Most (61.7%) white teenagers who die, die from accidents. Most (61.1%) Black teenagers who die,

die by violence. The proportion of deaths among Black children that were caused by violence doubled throughout the 1980's. Causes of death for American Indian teens more closely parallel those for white teens with more than half (52.7%) of all American Indian teen deaths resulting from accidents.

National comparisons of teen death rates combine deaths by accident and deaths by violence to rank Oklahoma near the worst in the nation. Only ten states and Washington D.C. lose a higher proportion of their teenagers to death by homicide, suicide and accidents.

DEATH BY SUICIDE

All Suicides and Those Under Age 25
Oklahoma: 1981 through 1991



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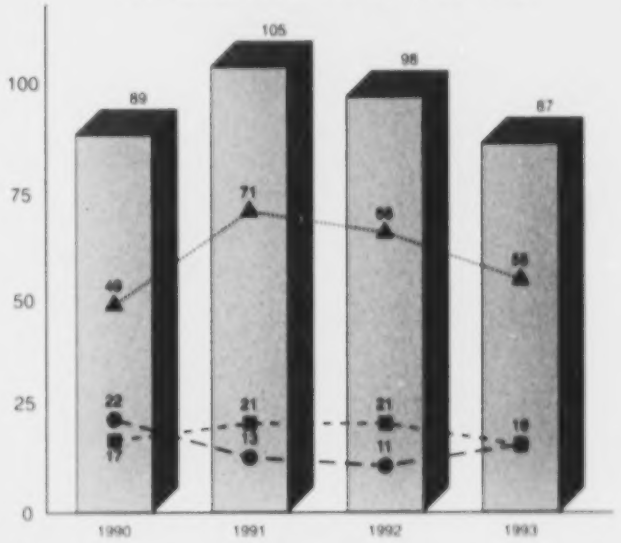
TRAFFIC DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN

Annual Number By Age
Oklahoma: 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993



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CHILD DEATHS (Age 1 through 14)

AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE per 100,000 CHILDREN

1988 through 1992

CHILD DEATHS: Number and Percent, By Age, By Cause, By Race, Oklahoma: 1978-82, 1983-87, 1988-1992

	AGE 1-14							AGE 15-19						
	TYPES OF CAUSES: DISEASES		ACCIDENTS		VIOLENCE		TOTAL	TYPES OF CAUSES: DISEASES		ACCIDENTS		VIOLENCE		TOTAL
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1978-82	702	44.9%	762	48.8%	99	6.3%	1,563	281	16.8%	1,108	66.3%	281	16.8%	1,670
White	573	44.5%	641	49.8%	74	5.7%	1,288	220	15.2%	999	68.8%	232	16.0%	1,451
Black	93	46.7%	86	43.2%	20	10.1%	199	37	33.3%	39	35.1%	35	31.5%	111
Indian	36	47.4%	35	46.1%	5	6.6%	76	24	22.2%	70	64.8%	14	13.0%	108
1983-87	598	44.4%	631	46.9%	117	8.7%	1,346	244	20.5%	690	58.0%	256	21.5%	1,190
White	488	43.3%	538	47.8%	100	8.9%	1,126	197	19.6%	598	59.6%	208	20.7%	1,003
Black	69	47.9%	65	45.1%	10	6.9%	144	32	35.2%	38	41.8%	21	23.1%	91
Indian	41	53.9%	28	36.8%	7	9.2%	76	15	15.6%	54	56.3%	27	28.1%	96
1988-92	507	44.8%	530	46.8%	95	8.4%	1,132	195	16.9%	654	56.5%	308	26.6%	1,157
White	406	44.4%	444	48.6%	64	7.0%	914	148	15.5%	588	61.7%	217	22.8%	953
Black	63	45.0%	58	41.4%	19	13.6%	140	26	23.0%	18	15.9%	69	61.1%	113
Indian	38	48.7%	28	35.9%	12	15.4%	78	21	23.1%	48	52.7%	22	24.2%	91

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ALL CHILDREN (Age 1-19)

	TYPES OF CAUSES						
	DISEASES		ACCIDENTS		VIOLENCE		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	TOTAL
1978-82	983	30.4%	1,870	57.8%	380	11.8%	3,233
White	793	29.0%	1,640	59.9%	306	11.2%	2,739
Black	130	41.9%	125	40.3%	55	17.7%	310
Indian	60	32.6%	105	57.1%	19	10.3%	184
1983-87	842	33.2%	1,321	52.1%	373	14.7%	2,536
White	685	32.2%	1,136	53.4%	308	14.5%	2,129
Black	101	43.0%	103	43.8%	31	13.2%	235
Indian	56	32.6%	82	47.7%	34	19.8%	172
1988-92	702	30.7%	1,184	51.7%	403	17.6%	2,289
White	554	29.7%	1,032	55.3%	281	15.1%	1,867
Black	89	35.2%	76	30.0%	88	34.8%	253
Indian	59	34.9%	76	45.0%	34	20.1%	169

CHILD DEATHS: Oklahoma and Counties, By Cause, Age 1 - 14 and 15 - 19; 1978-1982, 1983-1987, 1988-1992

	1978-1982 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1978-1982 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1983-1987 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1983-1987 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:			
	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL
STATE TOTALS	**702**	**762**	**99**	**1,563**	**281**	**1,108**	**281**	**1,670**	**598**	**631**	**117**	**1,346**	**244**	**690**	**256**	**1,190**
Adair County	5	8	0	13	1	12	0	13	1	2	0	3	1	9	2	12
Alfalfa County	3	2	0	5	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	0	2	1	3
Atoka County	2	5	0	7	1	9	1	11	2	7	0	9	0	5	0	5
Beaver County	1	4	0	5	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	4	1	5
Beckham County	3	8	0	11	1	7	2	10	3	5	3	11	2	1	2	5
Blaine County	1	6	0	7	0	14	1	15	2	4	0	6	1	5	3	9
Bryan County	2	10	1	13	3	10	1	14	3	8	2	13	0	8	7	15
Caddo County	9	11	1	21	7	27	4	38	7	4	1	12	0	15	7	22
Canadian County	12	12	4	28	5	26	5	36	10	12	5	27	7	17	6	30
Carter County	13	9	1	23	8	15	4	27	8	9	2	19	4	10	5	19
Cherokee County	7	1	0	8	4	5	3	12	3	6	3	12	8	7	3	18
Choctaw County	5	4	0	9	0	7	0	7	1	4	0	5	0	6	2	8
Cimarron County	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland County	20	27	2	49	9	27	15	51	18	31	4	53	12	32	5	49
Coal County	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	2
Comanche County	21	29	4	54	8	24	11	43	17	15	7	39	4	30	14	48
Cotton County	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	3
Craig County	3	3	0	6	3	4	2	9	2	5	1	8	2	6	1	9
Creek County	15	12	3	30	4	23	3	30	20	11	1	32	8	22	6	36
Custer County	4	8	0	12	4	12	0	16	8	6	0	14	4	3	2	9
Delaware County	2	8	0	10	8	7	3	18	3	3	1	7	1	4	1	6
Dewey County	5	2	0	7	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	4	0	4	1	5
Ellis County	3	6	1	10	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Garfield County	18	18	5	41	8	28	6	42	14	12	5	31	5	11	5	21
Garvin County	11	10	1	22	2	17	3	22	7	4	0	11	3	5	1	9
Grady County	12	17	2	31	4	31	0	35	3	19	2	24	4	7	2	13
Grant County	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greer County	4	4	0	8	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	6
Harmon County	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	2
Harper County	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	4	0	5	0	3	0	3
Haskell County	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	2	4	0	6	1	2	0	3
Hughes County	4	3	1	8	5	3	1	9	3	4	1	8	0	1	0	1
Jackson County	3	7	1	11	2	8	6	16	5	4	2	11	1	6	0	7
Jefferson County	4	4	0	8	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	3
Johnston County	4	1	0	5	1	4	1	6	0	2	1	3	2	6	2	10
Kay County	10	9	2	21	5	28	4	37	6	11	0	17	2	16	4	22
Kingfisher County	5	3	0	8	0	13	1	14	4	8	1	13	1	3	3	7

1988-1992 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1988-1992 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:			
DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL
507	530	95	1,132	195	654	308	1,157
3	7	1	11	4	3	3	10
1	1	0	2	1	5	0	6
5	6	1	12	0	4	0	4
1	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
5	3	1	9	2	5	1	8
1	6	0	7	1	1	3	5
2	9	1	12	2	6	4	12
10	5	1	16	3	6	2	11
12	9	6	27	4	28	6	38
7	12	1	20	4	14	3	21
6	7	0	13	2	9	3	14
4	3	2	9	0	5	1	6
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
26	11	5	42	7	27	17	51
0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
19	17	2	38	9	16	10	35
2	2	0	4	0	2	0	2
5	3	0	8	0	1	0	1
6	7	3	16	4	19	7	30
6	7	1	14	0	3	4	7
4	7	1	12	5	5	1	11
1	0	0	1	0	4	0	4
0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2
8	9	2	19	2	5	0	7
5	12	0	17	4	9	1	14
9	7	0	16	3	9	4	16
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	2	0	3	0	6	3	9
1	2	0	3	1	3	1	5
7	5	0	12	0	3	1	4
0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5
1	1	0	2	0	2	0	2
4	10	3	17	0	14	4	18
1	2	0	3	0	4	2	6

• In Oklahoma, more than *one out of every four teenage deaths* is a result of murder, suicide, or a confrontation with law enforcement.

	1978-1982 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1978-1982 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1983-1987 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:				1983-1987 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:			
	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL	DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL
Kiowa County	2	2	0	4	0	11	1	12	6	0	0	6	3	4	0	7
Latimer County	2	1	0	3	0	3	1	4	4	0	0	4	1	1	1	3
Le Flore County	12	11	1	24	5	21	3	29	5	8	1	14	1	11	2	14
Lincoln County	5	4	0	9	3	12	0	15	4	8	1	13	1	6	1	8
Logan County	3	7	2	12	0	11	3	14	3	8	2	13	1	0	0	1
Love County	2	3	0	5	1	3	2	6	4	0	0	4	3	6	0	9
McClain County	1	4	1	6	1	10	0	11	7	9	0	16	1	8	1	10
McCurtain County	9	15	0	24	6	22	5	33	5	9	1	15	3	14	3	20
McIntosh County	3	4	0	7	2	5	3	10	3	5	0	8	1	3	1	5
Major County	3	7	0	10	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	3	0	4
Marshall County	0	7	1	8	0	4	1	5	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
Mayes County	9	10	0	19	1	11	1	13	4	10	0	14	3	9	3	15
Murray County	0	4	0	4	1	7	1	9	2	1	0	3	0	3	1	4
Muskogee County	16	28	5	49	6	39	8	53	20	18	1	39	4	25	4	33
Noble County	2	4	0	6	0	6	1	7	2	2	1	5	2	4	1	7
Nowata County	5	1	0	6	1	1	0	2	5	2	0	7	0	3	1	4
Okfuskee County	2	0	0	2	2	8	1	11	2	4	0	6	2	0	3	5
Oklahoma County	162	156	31	352	51	155	72	278	141	104	31	276	51	99	48	198
Okmulgee County	10	5	2	17	2	11	5	18	9	18	0	27	5	7	1	13
Osage County	4	10	0	14	1	12	2	15	5	8	2	15	2	10	2	14
Ottawa County	8	11	0	19	4	15	1	20	4	4	4	12	2	11	4	17
Pawnee County	4	6	0	10	1	8	1	10	2	5	0	7	3	9	0	12
Payne County	4	11	1	16	4	13	2	19	5	7	1	13	3	6	4	13
Pittsburg County	7	6	2	15	2	10	4	16	3	8	2	13	2	16	2	20
Pontotoc County	4	9	1	14	3	12	3	18	4	6	1	11	4	9	3	16
Pottawatomie County	9	9	3	21	4	30	5	39	7	11	1	19	4	11	10	25
Pushmataha County	2	2	1	5	1	7	4	12	2	2	1	5	1	2	2	5
Roger Mills County	1	3	0	4	0	7	0	7	1	3	0	4	1	1	1	3
Rogers County	10	5	0	15	3	20	0	23	8	12	5	25	5	11	3	19
Seminole County	6	5	0	11	3	14	2	19	4	13	0	17	1	6	1	8
Sequoyah County	8	9	0	17	5	9	1	15	4	6	1	11	3	12	1	16
Stephens County	8	15	1	24	5	10	6	21	5	8	0	13	2	8	4	14
Texas County	2	7	0	9	0	17	2	19	2	4	0	6	3	3	0	6
Tillman County	5	2	0	7	0	4	1	5	2	0	2	4	1	2	0	3
Tulsa County	123	92	14	229	50	132	53	235	113	85	10	208	39	71	50	160
Wagoner County	10	9	0	19	2	17	4	23	12	8	1	21	6	13	2	21
Washington County	17	9	2	28	4	16	1	21	14	7	3	24	2	12	5	19
Washita County	1	3	0	4	0	6	0	6	3	1	0	4	0	1	0	1
Woods County	1	0	0	1	4	2	0	6	4	1	0	5	0	3	0	3
Woodward County	2	8	1	11	2	13	0	15	5	4	2	11	2	3	1	6

1988-1992 AGE 1-14 TYPES OF CAUSES:			
DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL
3	5	0	8
2	3	0	5
5	9	0	14
2	3	0	5
3	7	2	12
0	2	1	3
2	2	0	4
9	9	1	19
2	5	0	7
0	3	0	3
2	4	2	8
6	7	0	13
4	3	0	7
14	18	1	33
1	3	1	5
0	2	0	2
1	2	0	3
112	67	23	202
8	14	1	23
4	4	4	12
6	4	0	10
1	4	0	5
7	8	0	15
4	10	0	14
5	6	0	11
13	13	3	29
3	7	0	10
1	0	0	1
7	9	0	16
3	9	0	12
3	3	0	6
7	7	1	15
3	8	0	11
2	3	0	5
76	67	18	161
10	10	1	21
7	9	2	18
0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1
4	2	1	7

1988-1992 AGE 15-19 TYPES OF CAUSES:			
DISEASES	ACCIDENTS	VIOLENCE	TOTAL
1	6	1	8
0	2	1	3
0	8	1	9
3	2	3	8
1	5	4	10
0	4	0	4
0	6	1	7
0	14	4	18
1	1	1	3
0	0	0	0
2	6	0	8
3	6	0	9
1	4	2	7
3	24	3	30
0	5	0	5
1	3	0	4
1	1	0	2
51	90	81	222
4	9	6	19
1	9	2	12
2	11	3	16
0	1	0	1
4	10	7	21
3	10	2	15
1	10	1	12
6	14	7	27
1	7	0	8
0	3	1	4
4	13	5	22
0	10	4	14
3	7	6	16
0	4	3	7
2	5	3	10
1	1	1	3
30	83	60	173
0	12	2	14
4	5	8	17
0	4	0	4
0	3	0	3
0	4	2	6

• More than 450 children die in Oklahoma each year.

CHILD DEATHS: Oklahoma and Counties; Age 1 - 14 and 15 - 19, 5-Year Number and Average Annual Rate per 100,000; 1978-82 and 1988-92

	1978-82				1988-92			
	AGE 1-14	RATE	AGE 15-19	RATE	AGE 1-14	RATE	AGE 15-19	RATE
STATE TOTALS	1,563	45.1	1,670	119.7	1,132	32.2	1,157	99.3
Adair County	13	53.6	13	132.8	11	47.4	10	125.7
Alfalfa County	5	74.8	2	62.5	2	35.5	6	333.3
Atoka County	7	49.6	11	206.2	12	88.9	4	80.6
Beaver County	5	60.0	3	112.6	1	14.6	2	93.2
Beckham County	11	50.6	10	129.0	9	40.2	8	126.1
Blaine County	7	44.8	15	270.3	7	52.2	5	129.2
Bryan County	13	39.6	14	97.5	12	36.0	12	91.9
Caddo County	21	57.5	38	242.3	16	45.3	11	100.0
Canadian County	28	36.3	36	145.0	27	28.6	38	134.8
Carter County	23	45.7	27	144.5	20	41.1	21	137.2
Cherokee County	8	22.6	12	68.0	13	33.8	14	98.1
Choctaw County	9	42.9	7	91.7	9	50.8	6	102.2
Cimarron County	2	47.9	1	62.3	0	0.0	2	160.0
Cleveland County	49	31.6	51	69.6	42	21.7	51	68.4
Coal County	2	29.0	1	37.5	2	32.2	2	87.3
Comanche County	54	39.5	43	59.5	38	28.2	35	73.9
Cotton County	2	24.4	4	138.9	4	57.0	2	85.8
Craig County	6	38.6	9	145.7	8	59.4	1	20.8
Creek County	30	40.5	30	115.7	16	22.7	30	127.8
Custer County	12	43.8	16	109.4	14	45.9	7	57.7
Delaware County	10	38.2	18	173.7	12	42.9	11	114.6
Dewey County	7	110.5	5	202.8	1	16.3	4	243.2
Ellis County	10	156.5	3	141.8	3	64.6	2	122.3
Garfield County	41	57.9	42	161.1	19	30.1	7	38.3
Garvin County	22	73.0	22	182.0	17	61.0	14	147.1
Grady County	31	65.0	35	189.7	16	32.3	16	102.6
Grant County	3	46.0	2	87.3	1	16.6	1	61.3
Greer County	8	132.5	1	39.1	0	0.0	3	151.9
Harmon County	1	20.1	5	277.8	1	23.0	1	75.2
Harper County	1	20.8	3	157.5	1	23.8	1	75.8
Haskell County	1	8.0	5	112.7	3	25.8	9	219.0
Hughes County	8	53.1	9	156.5	3	23.2	5	107.4
Jackson County	11	28.5	16	102.5	12	33.1	4	37.2
Jefferson County	8	87.4	3	89.8	0	0.0	5	201.2
Johnston County	5	42.5	6	109.5	2	18.2	2	44.2
Kay County	21	39.3	37	174.9	17	31.5	18	111.4
Kingfisher County	8	47.3	14	212.8	3	18.7	6	134.5
Kiowa County	4	30.6	12	228.1	8	64.1	8	204.1
Latimer County	3	27.3	4	68.2	5	42.3	3	65.2
Le Flore County	24	48.7	29	156.2	14	28.5	9	53.4
Lincoln County	9	28.2	15	124.7	5	14.7	8	71.3
Logan County	12	38.8	14	98.0	12	37.1	10	74.6
Love County	5	57.6	6	190.2	3	36.2	4	131.8
McClain County	6	24.1	11	107.9	4	15.6	7	76.6
McCurtain County	24	49.5	33	192.2	19	46.3	18	134.4
McIntosh County	7	45.3	10	153.8	7	43.7	3	53.6
Major County	10	98.4	3	81.5	3	33.0	0	0.0
Marshall County	8	76.6	5	120.8	8	81.1	8	207.3
Mayes County	19	49.0	13	91.8	13	34.4	9	73.7
Murray County	4	28.9	9	167.8	7	55.1	7	169.9
Muskogee County	49	62.2	53	172.1	33	42.3	30	118.9
Noble County	6	46.5	7	140.4	5	39.7	5	138.7
Nowata County	6	47.0	2	42.0	2	19.2	4	113.6
Okfuskee County	2	16.2	11	193.2	3	24.3	2	44.6
Oklahoma County	352	55.0	278	114.0	202	30.4	222	108.0
Okmulgee County	17	39.5	18	89.8	23	56.4	19	133.5
Osage County	14	30.4	15	90.9	12	25.0	12	80.7
Ottawa County	19	51.9	20	114.3	10	32.9	16	116.7
Pawnee County	10	56.9	10	163.8	5	28.7	1	17.6
Payne County	16	30.5	19	44.7	15	27.1	21	66.3
Pittsburg County	15	34.5	16	93.4	14	34.0	15	105.7
Pontotoc County	14	41.5	18	112.1	11	31.0	12	85.7
Pottawatomie County	21	33.2	39	142.4	29	44.3	27	106.8
Pushmataha County	5	37.1	12	222.6	10	87.1	8	205.1
Roger Mills County	4	72.1	7	359.0	1	20.9	4	261.4
Rogers County	15	24.8	23	103.8	16	24.6	22	102.3
Seminole County	11	35.2	19	152.8	12	42.9	14	147.1
Sequoyah County	17	43.1	15	94.8	6	15.2	16	118.5
Stephens County	24	49.6	21	122.7	15	32.9	7	48.9
Texas County	9	40.8	19	220.0	11	57.6	10	144.1
Tillman County	7	47.5	5	84.6	5	41.6	3	77.6
Tulsa County	229	43.2	235	118.1	161	28.8	173	102.6
Wagoner County	19	32.2	23	123.5	21	35.9	14	70.6
Washington County	28	53.5	21	112.4	18	34.3	17	110.4
Washita County	4	25.5	6	100.7	1	7.7	4	106.0
Woods County	1	10.5	6	108.2	1	12.1	3	84.5
Woodward County	11	40.6	15	168.0	7	31.1	6	91.3

THE BIG PICTURE

CHILD and TEEN DEATH

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend since the mid-1980's = 15.9% DECREASE in the average number of children age 1 through 14 who die each year
- Oklahoma's trend since the mid-1980's = 2.8% DECREASE in the average number of teenagers age 15 through 19 who die each year
- Oklahoma's child and teen death rates =

  32.2 per 100,000 children age 1 through 14
  99.3 per 100,000 teenagers age 15 through 19

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY CHILD (age 1-14) DEATH RATES SINCE THE EARLY-1980's

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	52	67.5%
Worsened	25	32.5%

- TWENTY-FIVE Oklahoma counties (or 32.5%) currently meet or do better than the National (28 per 100,000) and Oklahoma (27.4 per 100,000) Year 2000 goals for deaths among children age 1 through 14.
- THIRTY-THREE Oklahoma counties (or 42.9%) currently meet or do better than the Oklahoma Year 2000 goal of 95 deaths among teenagers age 15 through 19.

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

OKLAHOMA kids count

CHILDREN *Living* IN POVERTY

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

Recent estimates place Oklahoma as the seventh poorest state in the nation. One-third (35.2%) of the poor in Oklahoma are children. One out of every five Oklahoma children lives in a family with an income too low to buy enough food for an adequate diet.

Today, 179,283 Oklahoma children live in poverty – 40,000 more than 10 years earlier. The poverty rate among Oklahoma children skyrocketed from 15.7 percent in 1980 to 21.7 percent in 1990. During the 1980's the rate of child poverty in Oklahoma was below the rate of child poverty in the nation. By 1990, Oklahoma fell behind. *Children in Oklahoma are more likely to be poor than children in the rest of the United States.*

Oklahoma's youngest are Oklahoma's poorest. One-fourth (25.3%) of Oklahoma's infants, toddlers and preschool children live in poverty.

Oklahoma child poverty is racist. Black children, American Indian children and children of Hispanic origin are more than twice as likely to be poor than white children.

Poverty rates for families with children that are headed by a single woman are outrageous and unsettling. Half (48.3%) of all female-headed families with children live in poverty. Rates worsen if the children are very young and the mother is not white. Two-thirds (65.0%) of all female-headed families with a child under age 5 live in poverty. Three-quarters (72.9%) of all non-white, female-headed families with a very young child live in poverty.

The federal poverty level in 1994 was set at a monthly income of $1,027 for a family of three. Each month a three-person family with one *full-time minimum*

PERCENT of 1993 NEED MET by SELECTED OKLAHOMA SERVICES

92,606 51.7%

IN ANY GIVEN MONTH - - -
- - - only 51.7% of Oklahoma's poor children receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (A.F.D.C.)

367,120 53.4%

IN ANY GIVEN MONTH - - -
- - - only 53.4% of the poor and near-poor in Oklahoma receive Food Stamps

66,301 48.9%

IN ANY GIVEN MONTH - - -
- - - only 48.9% of needy mothers and children receive services from the Special Supplementary Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (W.I.C.)

1994 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

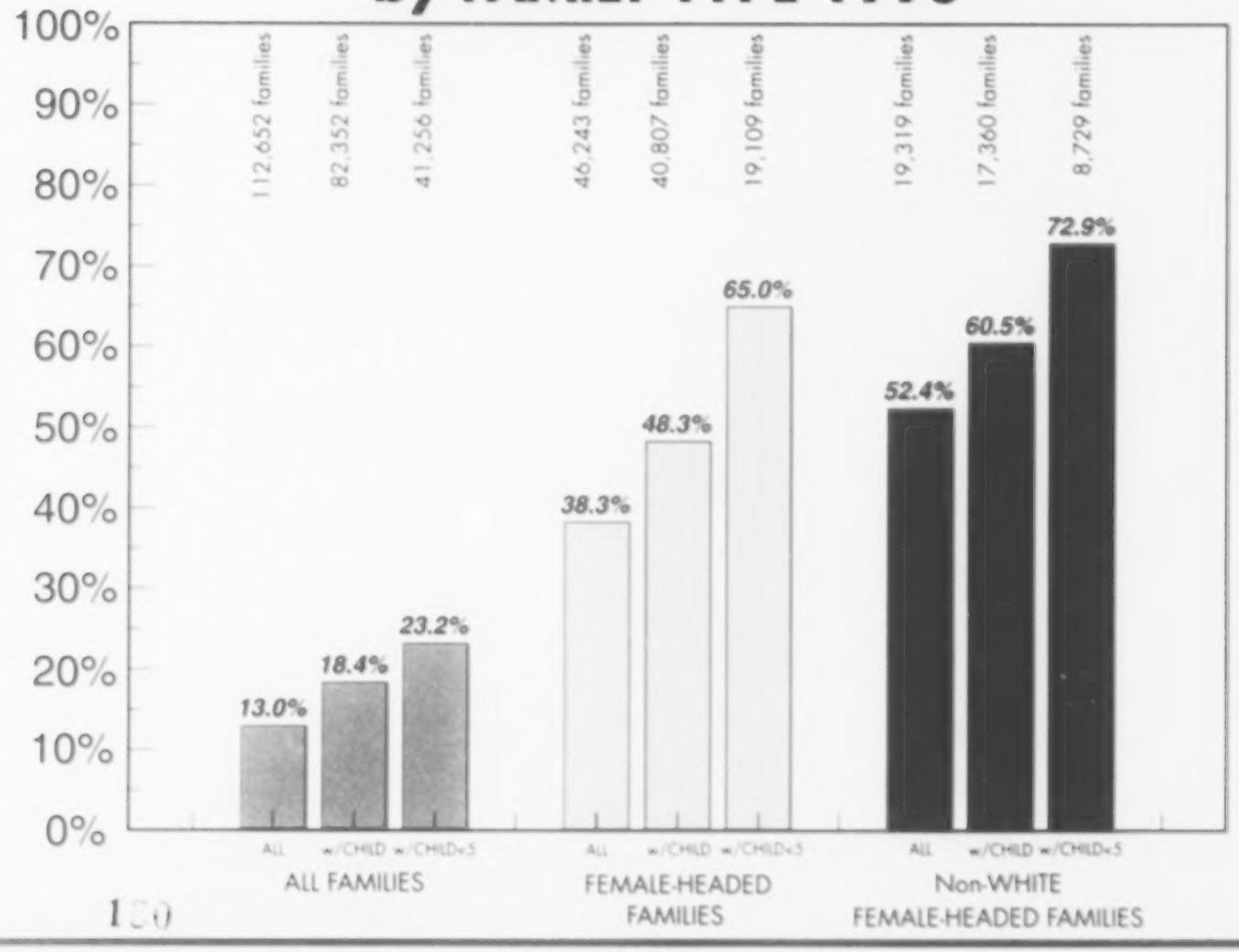
Family Size	MONTHLY	YEARLY
1	$ 614	$ 7,368
2	$ 820	$ 9,840
3	$1,027	$12,324
4	$1,234	$14,808
5	$1,440	$17,280
6	$1,647	$19,764
7	$1,854	$22,248
8	$2,060	$24,720
Each Add'l	+ $207	+ $2,484

wage worker earns about $300 less than the poverty level – $300 less than the amount needed to feed, clothe, house and care for the family. Welfare benefits do little to reduce the number of children in poverty in Oklahoma. Food Stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments together do not lift a child from poverty. Oklahoma public assistance benefits amount to about half of the poverty level – half of the amount necessary to feed, clothe, house and care for the family.

Throughout the 1980's worsening economic conditions in Oklahoma forced dramatic increases in the number of people needing aid. The number of families dependent on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is at an all-time high. In 1993, a monthly average of 92,606 children lived in poor families receiving AFDC.

Many poor children receive no help from the state. Only about half of Oklahoma's poor children live in families which receive AFDC. Families may not be eligible for reasons unrelated to financial need. Families may not satisfy government definitions of a "deprived" family. Families may simply not have applied. Food Stamps, available with fewer rigid requirements related to family configuration, are available to Oklahomans who are poor or are living close to the poverty line. Food Stamps, however, reach only slightly more than half of those financially eligible. Less than half of Oklahoma's needy mothers and children receive services from the Special Supplementary Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

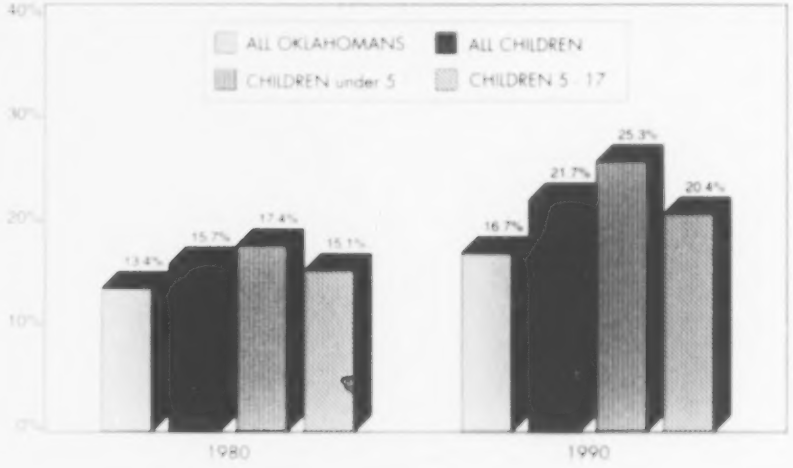
OKLAHOMA POVERTY RATES by FAMILY TYPE 1990



POVERTY IN OKLAHOMA OVER TIME

Rates for All Oklahomans vs. Rates for Children

1980 to 1990



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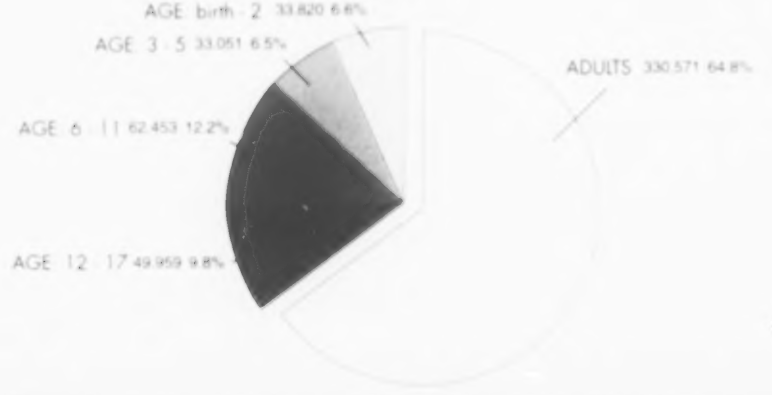
• The poverty rate among Oklahoma children skyrocketed from 15.7% in 1980 to 21.7% in 1990.

OKLAHOMA POVERTY by AGE

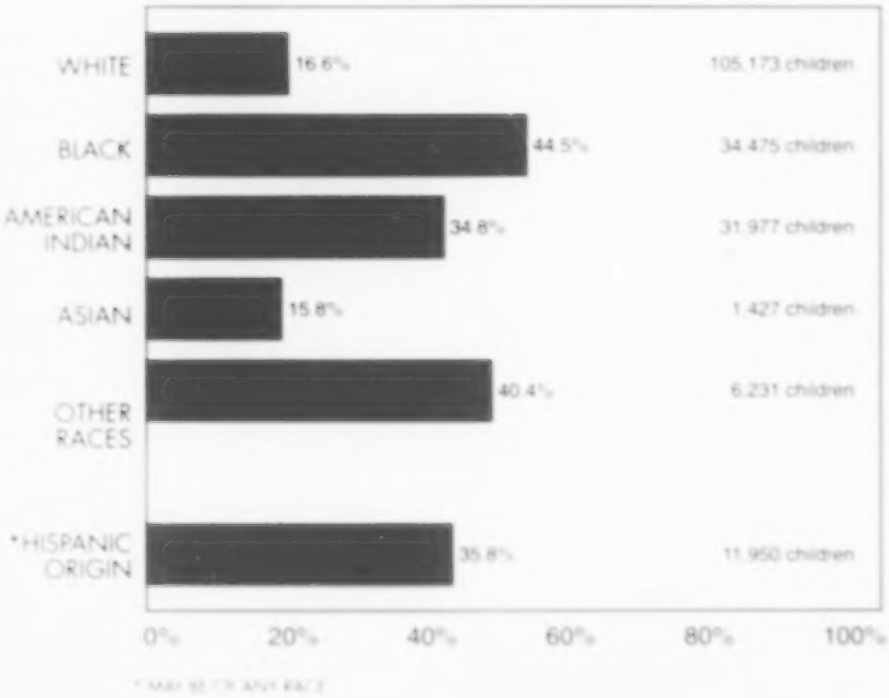
1990



CHILD POVERTY

Numbers and Rates by Race and National Origin

Oklahoma, 1990



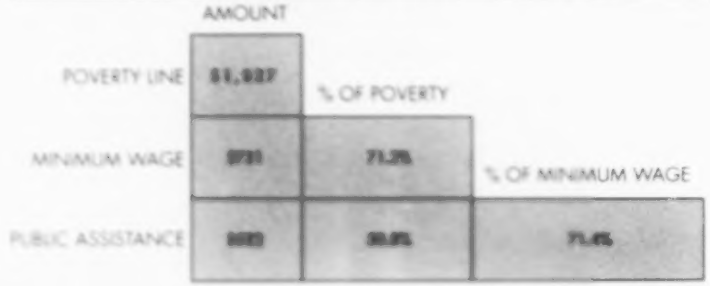
* MAY BE OF ANY RACE

•More than one out of every five Oklahoma children lives in a family with an income too low to buy enough food for an adequate diet.

•In Oklahoma, 21.7% of all children are poor.

INCOME FOR AVERAGE FAMILY IN POVERTY

Minimum Wage, Public Assistance & Poverty Level
Oklahoma: 1994



CHILD POVERTY
PERCENT OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY
1990

CHILDREN IN POVERTY: Number and Percent of Children Living in Poverty, Oklahoma and Counties, By Age, 1980 and 1990

	1980 ALL POOR CHILDREN	%	<5	%	5-17	%	1990 ALL POOR CHILDREN	%	<5	%	5-17	%
Adair County	1,856	30.3%	479	33.1%	1,377	29.5%	1,730	31.2%	493	35.9%	1,237	29.7%
Alfalfa County	246	14.8%	69	16.3%	177	14.3%	283	21.2%	56	17.0%	227	22.6%
Atoka County	1,122	32.6%	272	31.5%	850	33.0%	1,181	35.9%	376	46.8%	805	32.4%
Beaver County	368	18.0%	79	14.7%	289	19.2%	163	9.7%	63	16.2%	100	7.7%
Beckham County	746	14.6%	217	13.5%	529	15.1%	1,306	24.8%	370	29.4%	936	23.4%
Blaine County	730	19.4%	194	18.7%	536	19.7%	766	24.3%	219	26.1%	547	23.7%
Bryan County	1,818	22.6%	511	24.3%	1,307	22.1%	2,347	29.6%	623	29.9%	1,724	29.5%
Caddo County	2,384	26.2%	575	24.0%	1,809	27.0%	2,939	35.3%	891	40.1%	2,048	33.5%
Canadian County	1,368	7.4%	344	7.1%	1,024	7.5%	2,365	10.6%	822	14.7%	1,543	9.3%
Carter County	2,377	19.5%	660	19.9%	1,717	19.4%	3,086	26.4%	835	28.5%	2,251	25.7%
Cherokee County	2,122	24.6%	649	28.3%	1,473	23.2%	3,440	37.7%	1,107	45.8%	2,333	34.8%
Choctaw County	1,472	28.6%	300	22.6%	1,172	30.7%	1,793	42.2%	530	52.7%	1,263	38.9%
Cimarron County	159	14.9%	36	12.9%	123	15.6%	189	21.1%	25	11.9%	164	24.0%
Cleveland County	2,846	7.6%	885	9.0%	1,961	7.2%	4,884	10.8%	1,682	13.8%	3,202	9.7%
Coal County	495	28.3%	141	33.2%	354	26.7%	495	32.9%	100	28.1%	395	34.4%
Comanche County	6,271	19.3%	2,335	23.2%	3,936	17.5%	6,733	21.8%	2,195	24.1%	4,538	20.9%
Cotton County	380	19.3%	125	23.4%	255	17.7%	479	28.5%	150	36.9%	329	25.8%
Craig County	534	13.9%	127	13.2%	407	14.2%	656	20.7%	218	29.3%	438	18.1%
Creek County	2,427	13.5%	746	16.4%	1,681	12.5%	2,974	17.4%	847	19.6%	2,127	16.6%
Custer County	1,180	17.8%	301	15.6%	879	18.7%	1,517	21.6%	517	27.2%	1,000	19.5%
Delaware County	1,881	29.0%	464	30.9%	1,417	28.5%	1,458	21.2%	442	25.6%	1,016	19.7%
Dewey County	264	16.5%	106	20.7%	158	14.5%	246	16.7%	54	15.7%	192	17.0%
Ellis County	141	9.2%	40	8.9%	101	9.3%	192	16.3%	39	17.0%	153	16.1%
Garfield County	1,530	9.2%	594	11.3%	936	8.2%	2,580	18.0%	844	22.6%	1,736	16.4%
Garvin County	1,081	15.1%	294	15.6%	787	15.0%	1,613	24.5%	499	31.0%	1,114	22.4%
Grady County	1,810	15.6%	426	13.9%	1,384	16.1%	2,731	23.3%	743	25.5%	1,988	22.5%
Grant County	228	13.9%	63	14.4%	165	13.8%	222	15.6%	68	17.5%	154	14.9%
Greer County	467	30.9%	76	23.0%	391	33.1%	341	26.6%	80	25.6%	261	27.0%
Harmon County	432	36.9%	127	41.1%	305	35.4%	490	50.6%	187	77.9%	303	41.6%
Harper County	115	9.8%	30	8.6%	85	10.3%	143	14.1%	48	21.1%	95	12.0%
Haskell County	614	20.0%	194	25.7%	420	18.1%	932	33.5%	241	39.1%	691	31.9%
Hughes County	1,133	30.3%	342	37.9%	791	27.8%	1,198	37.6%	327	45.5%	871	35.3%
Jackson County	2,119	22.5%	650	23.7%	1,469	22.0%	2,059	24.4%	604	23.5%	1,455	24.8%
Jefferson County	470	21.0%	170	27.6%	300	18.5%	457	26.9%	106	26.1%	351	27.2%
Johnston County	1,086	37.1%	263	37.5%	823	36.9%	1,017	37.6%	329	53.5%	688	33.0%
Kay County	1,240	9.6%	433	11.8%	807	8.7%	2,133	17.0%	696	20.1%	1,437	15.8%
Kingfisher County	479	11.6%	107	8.8%	372	12.8%	460	12.1%	103	10.4%	357	12.7%
Kiowa County	902	27.7%	357	37.3%	545	23.7%	1,082	36.8%	237	34.0%	845	37.6%
Latimer County	746	27.1%	171	27.6%	575	27.0%	850	30.7%	255	41.2%	595	27.7%
Le Flore County	3,025	24.8%	847	27.6%	2,178	23.9%	3,390	28.7%	1,011	34.0%	2,379	27.0%

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

	1980 ALL POOR CHILDREN	%	<5	%	5-17	%	1990 ALL POOR CHILDREN	%	<5	%	5-17	%
Lincoln County	1,067	13.8%	267	13.5%	800	13.8%	1,755	21.6%	455	24.5%	1,300	20.7%
Logan County	1,181	15.6%	288	13.9%	893	16.2%	1,839	23.6%	458	24.1%	1,381	23.4%
Love County	361	17.2%	75	14.2%	286	18.3%	431	21.4%	128	25.5%	303	20.0%
McClain County	618	9.8%	225	15.3%	393	8.1%	973	15.8%	264	18.4%	709	15.0%
McCurtain County	3,378	28.5%	857	28.1%	2,521	28.6%	3,749	38.8%	1,142	46.0%	2,607	36.4%
McIntosh County	1,140	29.5%	339	37.6%	801	27.0%	1,344	35.0%	398	43.5%	946	32.3%
Major County	246	10.0%	71	10.0%	175	10.0%	416	19.1%	66	13.1%	350	20.9%
Marshall County	678	27.2%	167	30.2%	511	26.3%	635	26.4%	212	34.1%	423	23.7%
Mayes County	1,609	17.1%	457	18.1%	1,152	16.8%	2,182	24.3%	596	25.8%	1,586	23.8%
Murray County	586	17.7%	144	15.8%	442	18.4%	918	30.1%	237	35.3%	681	28.6%
Muskogee County	4,505	23.8%	1,339	25.3%	3,166	23.2%	5,421	29.3%	1,699	36.5%	3,722	26.9%
Noble County	358	11.5%	92	10.1%	266	12.0%	643	21.6%	193	25.6%	450	20.3%
Nowata County	413	13.1%	109	13.1%	304	13.1%	731	29.7%	165	30.7%	566	29.4%
Okfuskee County	767	24.8%	201	27.9%	566	23.9%	1,100	36.7%	276	37.6%	824	36.4%
Oklahoma County	20,708	13.5%	7,119	16.2%	13,589	12.5%	33,030	21.4%	11,670	26.0%	21,360	19.5%
Okmulgee County	2,566	24.0%	629	23.0%	1,937	24.4%	3,127	32.2%	1,017	40.2%	2,110	29.4%
Osage County	1,275	11.3%	395	13.3%	880	10.6%	2,386	20.6%	714	25.2%	1,672	19.1%
Ottawa County	1,785	20.2%	580	25.6%	1,205	18.3%	2,034	27.8%	662	35.1%	1,372	25.3%
Pawnee County	675	15.8%	177	16.3%	498	15.6%	896	21.5%	220	20.9%	676	21.7%
Payne County	1,622	12.9%	619	15.8%	1,003	11.6%	2,475	19.2%	827	23.1%	1,648	17.7%
Pittsburg County	2,055	19.3%	510	19.0%	1,545	19.3%	2,468	25.2%	692	30.1%	1,776	23.7%
Pontotoc County	1,530	18.7%	474	21.0%	1,056	17.8%	2,331	27.6%	770	35.0%	1,561	25.0%
Pottawatomie County	2,392	15.3%	649	16.8%	1,743	14.8%	3,582	23.0%	1,049	27.2%	2,533	21.6%
Pushmataha County	995	28.9%	258	33.9%	737	27.5%	1,061	39.0%	312	46.8%	749	36.4%
Roger Mills County	204	14.8%	65	16.7%	139	14.1%	227	20.0%	76	28.4%	151	17.5%
Rogers County	1,223	8.3%	332	9.5%	891	7.9%	1,960	12.6%	545	13.4%	1,415	12.3%
Seminole County	1,793	23.2%	590	29.9%	1,203	20.9%	2,163	32.2%	554	34.3%	1,609	31.5%
Sequoyah County	2,410	24.4%	547	23.9%	1,863	24.5%	3,018	31.3%	896	38.2%	2,122	29.1%
Stephens County	1,349	11.6%	440	13.2%	909	11.0%	2,414	22.1%	784	29.6%	1,630	19.7%
Texas County	426	8.0%	131	8.3%	295	7.9%	725	15.6%	258	22.5%	467	13.4%
Tillman County	1,037	29.8%	290	30.7%	747	29.5%	767	27.4%	189	26.8%	578	27.6%
Tulsa County	16,299	12.8%	5,571	15.4%	10,728	11.8%	23,488	18.2%	7,535	20.0%	15,953	17.5%
Wagoner County	1,645	11.6%	447	12.3%	1,198	11.3%	2,097	14.8%	575	17.0%	1,522	14.1%
Washington County	1,112	8.7%	431	12.0%	681	7.4%	1,839	14.7%	601	18.7%	1,238	13.4%
Washita County	402	10.6%	99	8.9%	303	11.3%	813	26.9%	254	33.5%	559	24.8%
Woods County	237	9.9%	84	12.7%	153	8.9%	322	16.3%	141	28.1%	181	12.3%
Woodward County	559	8.8%	239	11.4%	320	7.6%	1,003	18.8%	214	16.5%	789	19.5%

CHILDREN IN POVERTY: Number and Percent of Children Living in Poverty, Oklahoma and Counties, By Race, 1990

	ALL CHILDREN	%	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	AMERICAN INDIAN	%	ASIAN	%	OTHER RACES	%	HISPANIC ORIGIN	%
STATE TOTALS	**179,283**	**21.7%**	**105,173**	**16.6%**	**34,475**	**44.5%**	**31,977**	**34.8%**	**1427**	**15.8%**	**6,231**	**40.4%**	**11,950**	**35.8%**
Adair County	1,730	31.2%	670	27.5%	3	–	1,031	33.6%	0	n/a	26	72.2%	97	71.9%
Alfalfa County	283	21.2%	252	19.9%	0	n/a	10	26.3%	0	n/a	21	84.0%	26	66.7%
Atoka County	1,181	35.9%	848	33.6%	119	58.9%	214	38.2%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Beaver County	163	9.7%	97	6.2%	0	n/a	35	67.3%	0	n/a	31	43.7%	31	30.7%
Beckham County	1,306	24.8%	1,085	23.0%	78	58.6%	95	52.2%	0	0.0%	48	23.3%	89	29.3%
Blaine County	766	24.3%	414	16.7%	110	66.3%	238	55.0%	0	–	4	6.2%	39	31.7%
Bryan County	2,347	29.6%	1,708	28.1%	26	28.3%	539	33.5%	34	47.2%	40	51.3%	116	51.8%
Caddo County	2,939	35.3%	1,099	21.3%	34	20.0%	1,719	62.1%	5	8.6%	82	43.4%	333	59.4%
Canadian County	2,365	10.6%	1,638	8.3%	244	46.7%	385	30.5%	16	3.4%	82	34.5%	208	33.8%
Carter County	3,086	26.4%	1,800	20.2%	613	46.9%	580	45.0%	0	0.0%	93	63.3%	311	60.7%
Cherokee County	3,440	37.7%	1,504	32.0%	86	87.8%	1,840	42.8%	0	0.0%	10	40.0%	95	56.2%
Choctaw County	1,793	42.2%	1,062	40.0%	392	58.2%	325	36.1%	0	n/a	14	77.8%	26	41.3%
Cimarron County	189	21.1%	153	19.0%	0	n/a	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	30	39.5%	54	32.9%
Cleveland County	4,884	10.8%	4,146	10.4%	190	16.7%	413	14.2%	77	8.6%	58	11.0%	184	10.9%
Coal County	495	32.9%	344	30.9%	9	81.8%	142	37.5%	0	n/a	0	n/a	2	–
Comanche County	6,733	21.8%	3,108	15.1%	2,378	36.3%	766	42.7%	195	28.8%	286	22.6%	512	21.4%
Cotton County	479	28.5%	335	24.6%	34	64.2%	40	25.2%	0	0.0%	70	72.2%	76	56.3%
Craig County	656	20.7%	457	21.0%	0	0.0%	183	20.5%	0	n/a	16	100.0%	23	92.0%
Creek County	2,974	17.4%	2,287	15.7%	243	48.1%	414	21.1%	7	16.3%	23	39.0%	56	19.0%
Custer County	1,517	21.6%	801	14.5%	202	69.9%	349	54.1%	0	0.0%	165	36.3%	262	39.9%
Delaware County	1,458	21.2%	628	15.2%	13	68.4%	815	30.6%	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	10	13.2%
Dewey County	246	16.7%	151	11.5%	0	–	83	58.9%	0	n/a	12	85.7%	32	76.2%
Ellis County	192	16.3%	189	16.8%	0	–	3	11.1%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	6	10.7%
Garfield County	2,580	18.0%	2,162	16.6%	245	44.5%	115	23.7%	30	22.1%	28	25.9%	121	40.1%
Garvin County	1,613	24.5%	1,285	22.5%	78	37.0%	246	39.1%	0	0.0%	4	–	17	40.5%
Grady County	2,731	23.3%	2,193	21.4%	293	54.0%	188	23.2%	3	23.1%	54	38.8%	105	37.1%
Grant County	222	15.6%	197	14.4%	0	n/a	6	17.6%	0	–	19	100.0%	22	61.1%
Greer County	341	26.6%	237	21.7%	56	84.8%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	48	55.8%	39	33.6%
Harmon County	490	50.6%	194	33.3%	86	68.3%	0	–	7	0.0%	203	81.2%	214	77.5%
Harper County	143	14.1%	123	12.6%	0	0.0%	7	43.8%	7	0.0%	6	42.9%	6	22.2%
Haskell County	932	33.5%	696	33.2%	18	32.1%	140	25.5%	0	n/a	78	100.0%	105	96.3%
Hughes County	1,198	37.6%	734	32.6%	78	81.3%	386	46.0%	0	–	0	n/a	2	18.2%
Jackson County	2,059	24.4%	1,043	16.9%	381	35.8%	57	49.1%	0	0.0%	578	61.0%	839	58.9%
Jefferson County	457	26.9%	338	23.1%	2	20.0%	60	50.0%	0	–	57	58.2%	63	54.8%
Johnston County	1,017	37.6%	676	33.8%	10	18.2%	320	50.7%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%	37	75.5%
Kay County	2,133	17.0%	1,380	13.1%	108	33.4%	612	41.4%	4	4.4%	29	27.1%	78	20.6%
Kingfisher County	460	12.1%	320	9.6%	23	19.0%	74	40.2%	0	0.0%	43	29.3%	48	24.2%
Kiowa County	1,082	36.8%	605	26.9%	251	89.6%	148	57.8%	0	0.0%	78	54.5%	111	59.0%
Latimer County	850	30.7%	571	26.9%	13	100.0%	266	44.2%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Le Flore County	3,390	28.7%	2,618	27.8%	102	34.2%	666	32.9%	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	50	22.7%

	ALL CHILDREN	%	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	AMERICAN INDIAN	%	ASIAN	%	OTHER RACES	%	HISPANIC ORIGIN	%
Lincoln County	1,755	21.6%	1,464	20.3%	84	41.2%	146	21.4%	19	100.0%	42	100.0%	52	43.0%
Logan County	1,839	23.6%	1,160	18.2%	504	54.5%	81	25.6%	12	100.0%	82	42.5%	114	38.6%
Love County	431	21.4%	295	18.1%	53	60.2%	32	16.5%	0	0.0%	51	52.0%	61	38.1%
McClain County	973	15.8%	752	13.7%	19	35.8%	165	30.8%	0	0.0%	37	52.1%	95	42.0%
McCurtain County	3,749	38.8%	1,915	30.3%	856	70.3%	918	45.4%	0	0.0%	60	98.4%	188	91.3%
McIntosh County	1,344	35.0%	654	27.1%	172	65.9%	512	44.6%	4	–	2	15.4%	10	18.2%
Major County	416	19.1%	379	18.3%	0	n/a	15	22.1%	0	n/a	22	53.7%	24	54.5%
Marshall County	635	26.4%	425	22.6%	58	100.0%	144	35.0%	0	–	8	14.5%	17	15.5%
Mayes County	2,182	24.3%	1,367	20.6%	19	100.0%	794	34.8%	0	0.0%	2	5.0%	48	27.7%
Murray County	918	30.1%	592	24.3%	24	100.0%	255	46.9%	0	n/a	47	100.0%	64	87.7%
Muskogee County	5,421	29.3%	2,536	21.3%	1,645	54.6%	1,097	33.0%	69	50.4%	74	63.2%	102	44.0%
Noble County	643	21.6%	445	17.7%	44	62.9%	154	43.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	30.0%
Nowata County	731	29.7%	475	26.7%	21	30.9%	235	38.3%	0	n/a	0	n/a	44	78.6%
Okfuskee County	1,100	36.7%	410	24.1%	197	64.2%	493	50.1%	0	0.0%	0	–	25	100.0%
Oklahoma County	33,030	21.4%	15,451	14.5%	12,609	40.4%	2,304	29.3%	580	18.4%	2,086	41.0%	3,754	37.2%
Okmulgee County	3,127	32.2%	1,625	24.5%	845	60.4%	655	40.5%	0	0.0%	2	13.3%	52	29.4%
Osage County	2,386	20.6%	1,384	17.8%	263	19.0%	729	30.6%	0	n/a	10	22.7%	74	27.8%
Ottawa County	2,034	27.8%	1,433	27.4%	2	–	573	28.7%	2	11.8%	24	36.9%	56	53.3%
Pawnee County	896	21.5%	664	18.9%	16	53.3%	216	35.0%	0	0.0%	0	–	6	12.8%
Payne County	2,475	19.2%	1,691	15.1%	297	59.6%	277	34.3%	137	53.1%	73	60.8%	50	19.1%
Pittsburg County	2,468	25.2%	1,588	20.9%	155	40.8%	668	40.1%	14	34.1%	43	33.3%	75	28.1%
Pontotoc County	2,331	27.6%	1,465	23.3%	78	31.3%	742	41.6%	0	0.0%	46	46.9%	56	28.6%
Pottawatomie County	3,582	23.0%	2,224	18.3%	225	43.7%	1,124	39.7%	0	0.0%	9	15.5%	90	24.7%
Pushmataha County	1,061	39.0%	796	38.3%	32	76.2%	229	38.9%	0	n/a	4	40.0%	18	32.7%
Roger Mills County	227	20.0%	186	17.4%	2	–	35	57.4%	0	n/a	4	–	11	39.3%
Rogers County	1,960	12.6%	1,288	10.2%	19	23.2%	614	22.6%	0	0.0%	39	47.0%	39	17.5%
Seminole County	2,163	32.2%	989	22.5%	385	63.6%	783	46.2%	0	0.0%	6	42.9%	98	69.5%
Sequoyah County	3,018	31.3%	1,798	26.4%	141	53.6%	1,050	41.9%	0	0.0%	29	90.6%	68	91.9%
Stephens County	2,414	22.1%	1,846	19.2%	157	46.3%	246	39.7%	0	0.0%	165	62.7%	241	71.7%
Texas County	725	15.6%	568	13.7%	2	28.6%	54	72.0%	0	0.0%	101	26.6%	160	24.2%
Tillman County	767	27.4%	333	18.2%	178	48.8%	39	28.5%	0	n/a	217	46.1%	319	51.0%
Tulsa County	23,488	18.2%	12,345	12.2%	8,304	49.9%	2,216	26.8%	184	9.7%	439	29.3%	1,163	27.5%
Wagoner County	2,097	14.8%	1,380	11.9%	345	43.6%	344	20.4%	4	13.8%	24	35.8%	43	13.7%
Washington County	1,839	14.7%	1,214	11.6%	198	44.6%	374	27.5%	11	10.8%	42	39.3%	124	29.6%
Washita County	813	26.9%	722	26.0%	8	100.0%	60	43.2%	2	6.1%	21	35.0%	56	41.8%
Woods County	322	16.3%	287	15.3%	0	n/a	5	8.8%	0	–	30	76.9%	38	55.1%
Woodward County	1,003	18.8%	879	17.4%	0	0.0%	83	58.5%	0	0.0%	41	30.1%	55	22.1%

n/a = no children in category
– = numbers too small to calculate meaningful rate

THE BIG PICTURE

CHILDREN LIVING in POVERTY

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend from 1980 to 1990 =

  36.0% INCREASE in the number of children living in poverty

  and

  38.2% INCREASE in the rate of children living in poverty

- In 1990 Oklahoma's rate of child poverty = 21.7%

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY RATES SINCE 1980

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	5	6.5%
Worsened	72	93.5%

- At least 1 of every 3 children is living in poverty in THIRTEEN Oklahoma counties (or 16.9%).
- The child poverty rates in FORTY-FOUR Oklahoma counties (or 57.1%) are worse than the state rate of 21.7%
- The child poverty rates in SIXTY-SIX Oklahoma counties (or 85.7%) are worse than the national rate of 17.9%

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY

OKLAHOMA kids count

HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

In three short years (1991, 1992 and 1993), 96,532 Oklahoma children received their high school diplomas. During that same time period, 24,388 Oklahoma children in grades seven through 12 quit school entirely.

About three-quarters (72%) of children who leave school quit during their high school years. Females now represent a higher proportion of those dropping out than in previous years. Today, nearly as many girls (46.6%) as boys (53.6%) fail to finish high school. Racial characteristics of Oklahoma children quitting high school roughly parallel characteristics in the community-at-large. Minority children are slightly more likely to leave school than white children. White children comprise seventy-six percent of the population and about seventy-two percent (71.7%) of the drop-outs. Black children comprise just under ten percent (9.6%) of the population and just over ten percent (10.9%) of the drop-outs. American Indian children make up around eleven percent (11.2%) of the population and twelve percent (12.2%) of the drop-outs. Asian children are the most likely to stay in school. They comprise a little more than one percent (1.2%) of the child population and only half of a percent of the school drop outs.

Oklahoma school principals report truancy / absenteeism (50.5%) and a general dislike of school (20.4%) as the primary reasons children leave school. Pregnancy ends the school careers of many Oklahoma girls. Only half (49.5%) of young mothers giving birth before they reach age 18 complete their education on time ... many never do.

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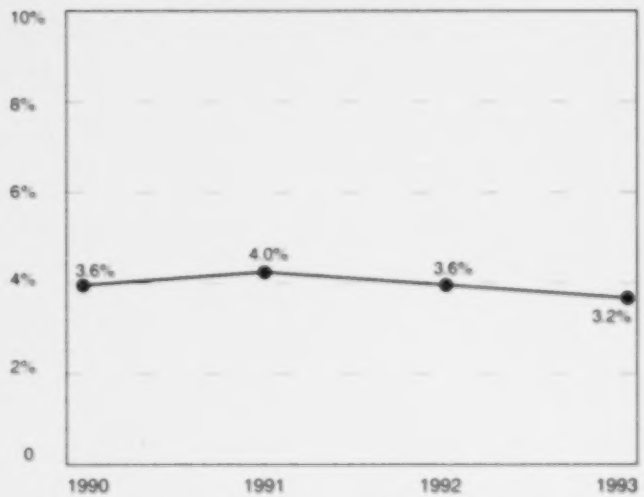
SCHOOL DROP-OUT RATE

Grades SEVEN through TWELVE
Oklahoma: 1990 through 1993



• More than 8,000 Oklahoma children quit school each year.

• One out of every four Oklahomans over age 25 has no high school diploma.

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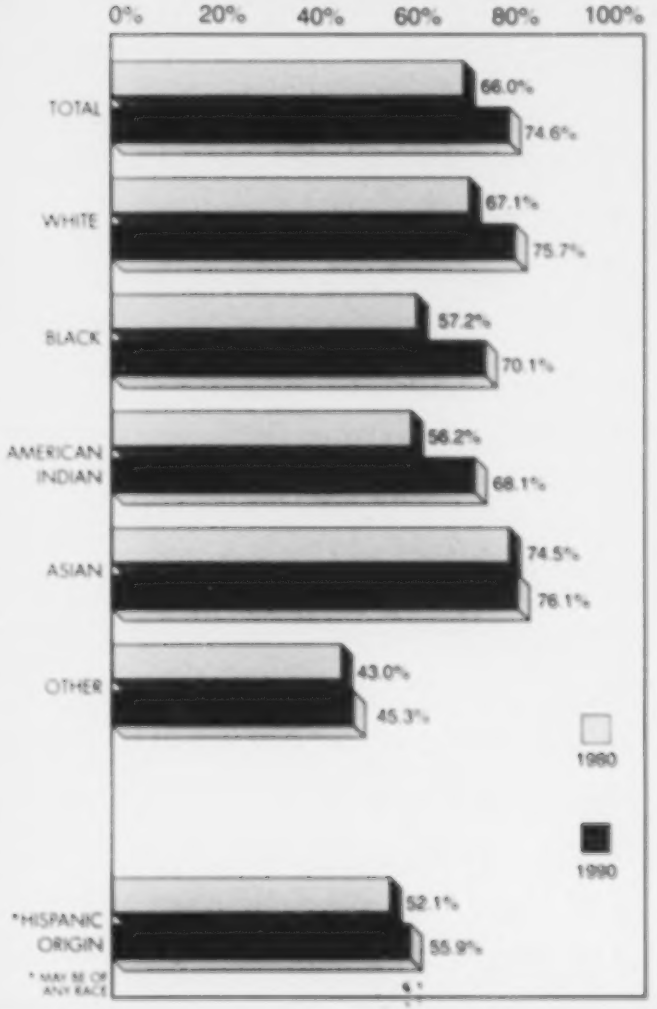
ADULT EDUCATIONAL STATUS

High School Graduates (age 25 & over), By Race
Oklahoma: 1980 and 1990



All Oklahomans and the state's economy will, for years into the future, suffer the consequences of children quitting school. The educational status of Oklahoma adults measures the long-term problem of school drop-outs. Today, about one-fourth (25.4%) of all Oklahomans over age 25 have no high school diploma. The consequences of being under-educated frequently include poverty, adverse health risks, higher rates of negative health outcomes (heart disease, cancer, substance abuse), little employment opportunity, poor earning ability and the possibility of a lifetime of financial dependence.

Oklahoma is making progress in keeping children in school. The drop-out rate is slowly declining. Ten years ago, many more Oklahomans (34%) over age 25 were without a high school diploma. The most significant improvement has been made in keeping minority students in school until graduation. In 1980, only about fifty-seven percent (57.2%) of Black adults over age 25 were high school graduates. Today, more than seventy percent (70.1%) are. In 1980, only about fifty-six percent (56.2%) of American Indian adults over age 25 had high school diplomas. Today, the rate approaches seventy percent (68.1%).

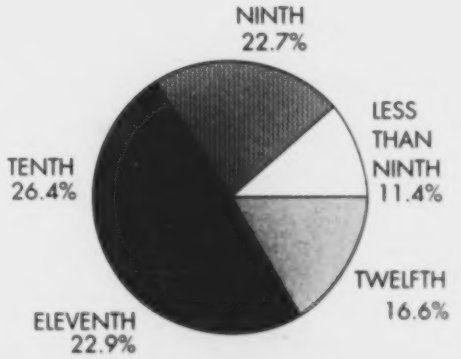
Every Oklahoma community has teenagers who, although they have not yet graduated, are not enrolled in school. Statewide almost twelve percent (11.8%) of all Oklahomans who are 16, 17 or 18 years old can be counted among those teenagers. Rates for teens in five Oklahoma counties (Comanche, Harmon, Greer, McIntosh and Jackson) are significantly higher than this state rate.

HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

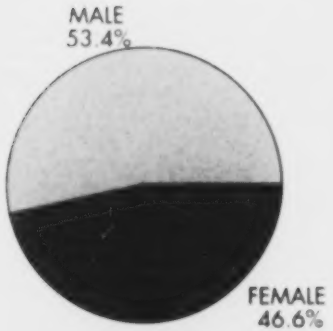
About three-quarters (76.6%) of Oklahoma students graduate from high school with the ninth grade class they started high school with three years earlier. National and Oklahoma Year 2000 goals call for an increase in this graduation rate to at least ninety percent. The state's two largest urban areas, Tulsa County (71.5%) and Oklahoma County (69.2%), are among the counties with the state's lowest graduation rates. In eight Oklahoma counties (Logan, Coal, Cherokee, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, Mayes, Wagoner and Adair) more than 30 of every 100 children who start the ninth grade do not graduate with their class.

CHILDREN DROPPING OUT of SCHOOL

Grades SEVEN through TWELVE
Oklahoma: 1992-1993 School Year



GRADE of DROP-OUTS



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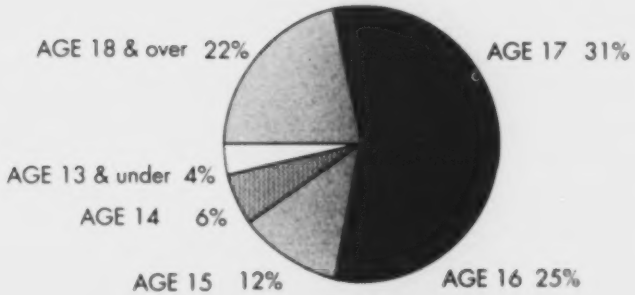
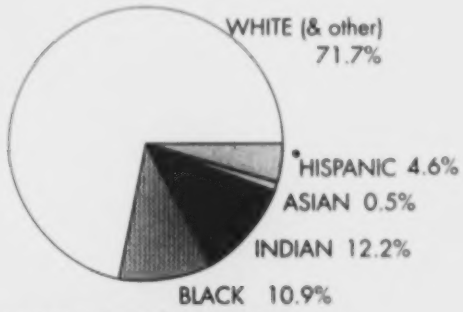


AGE of DROP-OUTS

NOTE: May not equal 100% because of rounding.



RACE of DROP-OUTS

*For purposes of this display, Hispanic is counted as a race, not ethnic origin, as in other displays.

TEENS NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL and NOT A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

PERCENT OF TEENS AGE 16 to 19

1990

TEENS NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL and NOT A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: Oklahoma and Counties, Number and Percent, By Race, Age 16 to 19, 1990

	ALL RACES	%	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	AMERICAN INDIAN	%	ASIAN	%	OTHER RACES	%	*HISPANIC ORIGIN	%
Adair County	219	17.5%	97	16.7%	0	n/a	119	17.9%	0	n/a	3	50.0%	9	31.0%
Alfalfa County	21	8.0%	12	4.8%	9	100.0%	0	–	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	–
Atoka County	82	11.0%	74	12.8%	2	5.9%	6	4.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Beaver County	12	4.0%	10	3.4%	0	n/a	2	–	0	n/a	0	–	0	–
Beckham County	122	13.0%	101	11.6%	6	27.3%	0	n/a	0	–	15	37.5%	15	24.2%
Blaine County	46	7.4%	30	6.2%	0	0.0%	13	16.7%	1	12.5%	2	22.2%	2	12.5%
Bryan County	215	9.9%	159	9.4%	2	4.2%	47	12.1%	0	0.0%	7	31.8%	7	19.4%
Caddo County	198	11.7%	117	10.9%	0	0.0%	62	13.2%	0	0.0%	19	59.4%	24	36.9%
Canadian County	429	9.5%	405	9.8%	0	0.0%	24	16.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	3.7%
Carter County	252	10.6%	176	9.6%	22	9.9%	47	16.2%	0	0.0%	7	36.8%	7	9.6%
Cherokee County	243	10.3%	90	6.7%	0	0.0%	137	14.5%	0	0.0%	16	100.0%	16	42.1%
Choctaw County	145	15.8%	100	16.4%	40	30.3%	5	2.8%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Cimarron County	13	7.5%	9	6.1%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%	4	26.7%	4	14.8%
Cleveland County	901	7.4%	774	7.2%	20	4.8%	79	11.5%	11	4.2%	17	10.4%	24	5.4%
Coal County	58	17.3%	44	16.9%	0	0.0%	14	21.2%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Comanche County	2,556	32.5%	1,653	30.9%	698	41.5%	55	15.8%	46	23.2%	104	35.9%	265	40.6%
Cotton County	16	4.3%	13	4.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	3	13.0%	3	11.1%
Craig County	69	7.8%	54	9.4%	0	0.0%	8	2.9%	0	n/a	7	31.8%	7	31.8%
Creek County	298	8.4%	275	8.9%	14	11.8%	9	3.0%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Custer County	133	6.4%	64	3.7%	0	0.0%	41	25.9%	0	0.0%	28	35.4%	28	29.8%
Delaware County	124	9.2%	72	8.1%	0	–	52	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Dewey County	11	4.2%	11	4.9%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ellis County	13	5.6%	13	5.7%	0	n/a	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Garfield County	286	10.3%	239	9.5%	44	39.6%	3	3.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	10.9%
Garvin County	192	12.9%	137	10.9%	13	27.7%	42	24.4%	0	0.0%	0	–	0	0.0%
Grady County	287	11.4%	233	10.7%	3	3.0%	29	14.5%	6	40.0%	16	50.0%	33	35.5%
Grant County	14	5.2%	14	5.3%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Greer County	91	25.6%	51	19.2%	26	39.4%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	14	70.0%	14	70.0%
Harmon County	63	27.0%	12	10.3%	11	50.0%	0	–	0	0.0%	40	47.1%	40	47.1%
Harper County	25	12.9%	16	8.8%	0	n/a	0	–	0	n/a	9	75.0%	9	64.3%
Haskell County	74	11.0%	55	10.8%	0	n/a	19	12.8%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hughes County	58	8.4%	28	5.4%	0	0.0%	30	21.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	2	–
Jackson County	314	18.6%	252	19.8%	43	21.1%	3	11.5%	0	0.0%	16	9.5%	21	9.7%
Jefferson County	54	13.6%	40	11.6%	0	–	5	22.7%	0	0.0%	9	47.4%	9	34.6%
Johnston County	51	6.5%	45	7.8%	0	0.0%	3	2.0%	3	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Kay County	221	8.8%	184	8.3%	7	53.8%	30	13.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	8.2%
Kingfisher County	58	8.1%	44	6.6%	0	0.0%	9	37.5%	0	n/a	5	38.5%	5	25.0%

	ALL RACES	%	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	AMERICAN INDIAN	%	ASIAN	%	OTHER RACES	%	*HISPANIC ORIGIN	%
Kiowa County	80	12.4%	77	15.5%	0	0.0%	3	5.1%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	2	6.1%
Latimer County	60	7.7%	44	7.6%	0	0.0%	16	11.8%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Le Flore County	344	12.8%	261	11.9%	8	11.1%	75	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lincoln County	179	10.1%	134	8.7%	14	21.2%	31	21.1%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	13	30.2%
Logan County	368	16.0%	173	12.2%	182	23.5%	4	7.0%	0	n/a	9	22.0%	9	17.3%
Love County	11	2.4%	11	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
McClain County	107	7.7%	86	7.0%	0	n/a	19	12.3%	0	n/a	2	–	12	44.4%
McCurtain County	278	13.6%	235	16.1%	2	0.7%	40	14.5%	0	n/a	1	–	15	44.1%
McIntosh County	184	21.3%	128	20.7%	12	46.2%	44	20.1%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Major County	34	8.2%	34	8.8%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Marshall County	96	15.8%	96	21.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Mayes County	256	13.2%	195	13.6%	0	–	61	12.3%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Murray County	92	14.6%	78	13.5%	0	0.0%	14	32.6%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Muskogee County	474	11.8%	288	11.3%	75	11.3%	100	12.9%	0	0.0%	11	42.3%	11	9.8%
Noble County	64	12.2%	54	12.2%	0	0.0%	10	15.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Nowata County	21	3.5%	14	3.3%	0	0.0%	7	5.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Okfuskee County	63	9.4%	42	10.2%	14	16.1%	7	4.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	12	63.2%
Oklahoma County	4,733	14.4%	3,288	13.9%	804	13.5%	349	19.1%	66	7.9%	226	32.7%	437	26.5%
Okmulgee County	228	10.4%	162	10.1%	28	9.9%	38	13.1%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Osage County	216	9.6%	135	8.7%	57	16.9%	24	6.7%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	9	15.5%
Ottawa County	163	7.1%	107	6.3%	0	0.0%	44	9.5%	0	n/a	12	100.0%	12	54.5%
Pawnee County	90	10.1%	74	9.7%	0	0.0%	16	12.9%	0	n/a	0	n/a	6	42.9%
Payne County	253	4.6%	218	4.4%	5	3.2%	26	9.8%	4	4.9%	0	0.0%	9	7.1%
Pittsburg County	224	9.9%	172	10.0%	6	4.9%	44	11.4%	0	0.0%	2	10.5%	10	17.9%
Pontotoc County	225	9.6%	171	9.3%	5	8.6%	49	12.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pottawatomie County	384	9.4%	278	8.2%	4	4.1%	98	17.4%	4	22.2%	0	n/a	6	8.5%
Pushmataha County	40	6.8%	38	8.7%	0	–	2	1.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Roger Mills County	17	6.9%	13	5.4%	0	n/a	4	44.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Rogers County	356	10.4%	292	10.2%	5	29.4%	59	11.0%	0	0.0%	0	–	0	0.0%
Seminole County	129	8.3%	69	6.6%	9	5.4%	51	14.5%	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Sequoyah County	223	10.6%	140	9.6%	0	0.0%	83	14.0%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Stephens County	222	10.0%	168	8.8%	17	26.2%	24	13.0%	4	17.4%	9	18.4%	17	23.9%
Texas County	59	5.4%	46	4.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	–	13	18.1%	19	17.9%
Tillman County	63	10.3%	36	9.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	27	29.3%	27	19.9%
Tulsa County	2,961	11.0%	2,101	10.1%	478	13.4%	274	15.2%	21	4.1%	87	28.9%	164	22.6%
Wagoner County	275	9.3%	224	8.7%	0	0.0%	51	16.7%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	13	18.1%
Washington County	222	9.5%	190	9.7%	0	0.0%	32	12.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Washita County	44	7.8%	38	7.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	100.0%	11	36.7%
Woods County	18	2.8%	11	1.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	–	7	77.8%	7	38.9%
Woodward County	108	10.8%	97	10.4%	11	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

n/a = no teens in category
– = numbers too small to calculate meaningful rate
*may be of any race

TEENS NOT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL and NOT A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: Oklahoma and Counties, Age 16 to 19, 1980 and 1990

	1980 Age 16,17,18	%	1990 Age 16,17,18	%
STATE TOTALS	31,679	13.9%	21,928	11.8%
Adair County	234	15.6%	219	17.5%
Alfalfa County	17	3.1%	21	8.0%
Atoka County	130	15.5%	82	11.0%
Beaver County	25	6.2%	12	4.0%
Beckham County	362	27.8%	122	13.0%
Blaine County	134	15.3%	46	7.4%
Bryan County	292	12.1%	215	9.9%
Caddo County	337	13.6%	198	11.7%
Canadian County	431	11.2%	429	9.5%
Carter County	530	17.4%	252	10.6%
Cherokee County	533	17.8%	243	10.3%
Choctaw County	173	15.5%	145	15.8%
Cimarron County	12	4.9%	13	7.5%
Cleveland County	1,280	10.1%	901	7.4%
Coal County	105	22.0%	58	17.3%
Comanche County	1,141	9.0%	2,556	32.5%
Cotton County	84	18.0%	16	4.3%
Craig County	157	15.9%	69	7.8%
Creek County	695	17.3%	298	8.4%
Custer County	205	8.0%	133	6.4%
Delaware County	341	20.6%	124	9.2%
Dewey County	27	6.9%	11	4.2%
Ellis County	41	12.5%	13	5.6%
Garfield County	690	16.2%	286	10.3%
Garvin County	397	20.7%	192	12.9%
Grady County	533	18.4%	287	11.4%
Grant County	25	7.3%	14	5.2%
Greer County	63	15.6%	91	25.6%
Harmon County	42	13.5%	63	27.0%
Harper County	48	14.5%	25	12.9%
Haskell County	94	14.1%	74	11.0%
Hughes County	134	14.6%	58	8.4%
Jackson County	313	12.2%	314	18.6%
Jefferson County	96	18.1%	54	13.6%
Johnston County	122	14.5%	51	6.5%
Kay County	504	14.0%	221	8.8%
Kingfisher County	187	17.9%	58	8.1%
Kiowa County	134	15.0%	80	12.4%
Latimer County	107	10.6%	60	7.7%
Le Flore County	532	17.7%	344	12.8%
Lincoln County	281	15.0%	179	10.1%
Logan County	534	23.3%	368	16.0%
Love County	49	10.1%	11	2.4%
McClain County	187	12.4%	107	7.7%
McCurtain County	494	18.4%	278	13.6%
McIntosh County	233	21.9%	184	21.3%
Major County	77	12.8%	34	8.2%
Marshall County	110	15.9%	96	15.8%
Mayes County	332	15.8%	256	13.2%
Murray County	170	19.8%	92	14.6%
Muskogee County	884	17.8%	474	11.8%
Noble County	132	16.1%	64	12.2%
Nowata County	110	15.8%	21	3.5%
Okfuskee County	114	13.7%	63	9.4%
Oklahoma County	6,203	15.8%	4,733	14.4%
Okmulgee County	336	9.9%	228	10.4%
Osage County	418	16.7%	216	9.6%
Ottawa County	287	9.5%	163	7.1%
Pawnee County	144	14.2%	90	10.1%
Payne County	340	4.4%	253	4.6%
Pittsburg County	401	13.8%	224	9.9%
Pontotoc County	271	10.0%	225	9.6%
Pottawatomie County	556	12.9%	384	9.4%
Pushmataha County	102	12.3%	40	6.8%
Roger Mills County	30	9.8%	17	6.9%
Rogers County	395	11.3%	356	10.4%
Seminole County	309	15.5%	129	8.3%
Sequoyah County	493	19.3%	223	10.6%
Stephens County	369	13.4%	222	10.0%
Texas County	151	10.6%	59	5.4%
Tillman County	272	28.5%	63	10.3%
Tulsa County	4,336	13.5%	2,961	11.0%
Wagoner County	495	17.7%	275	9.3%
Washington County	281	9.5%	222	9.5%
Washita County	107	10.7%	44	7.8%
Woods County	64	6.6%	18	2.8%
Woodward County	305	20.7%	108	10.8%

GRADUATION RATES:
Oklahoma and Counties, Number and Percent, 1992 and 1993
(Percent of Students Enrolled in 9th Grade Three Years Earlier)

	1992 GRADUATES	RATE	1993 GRADUATES	RATE	1992 & 1993 GRADUATES	RATE
STATE TOTALS	**32,670**	**76.3%**	**30,857**	**76.6%**	**63,527**	**76.5%**
Adair County	239	69.3%	202	62.9%	441	66.2%
Alfalfa County	72	100.0%	56	96.6%	128	100.0%
Atoka County	144	80.0%	172	90.5%	316	85.4%
Beaver County	79	83.2%	76	80.0%	155	81.6%
Beckham County	207	78.1%	194	79.2%	401	78.6%
Blaine County	132	75.9%	132	78.1%	264	77.0%
Bryan County	368	78.6%	345	78.9%	713	78.8%
Caddo County	370	76.8%	346	79.4%	716	78.0%
Canadian County	917	77.8%	856	78.1%	1,773	78.0%
Carter County	518	78.4%	499	76.4%	1,017	77.4%
Cherokee County	253	70.9%	223	69.3%	476	70.1%
Choctaw County	160	76.6%	405	100.0%	565	100.0%
Cimarron County	51	89.5%	51	87.9%	102	88.7%
Cleveland County	1,920	81.9%	1,809	81.1%	3,729	81.5%
Coal County	67	75.3%	61	69.3%	128	72.3%
Comanche County	1,160	76.8%	1,038	73.6%	2,198	75.2%
Cotton County	74	74.7%	72	92.3%	146	82.5%
Craig County	182	80.2%	177	87.6%	359	83.7%
Creek County	699	75.2%	657	75.8%	1,356	75.5%
Custer County	252	75.7%	281	76.6%	533	76.1%
Delaware County	306	77.9%	268	75.5%	574	76.7%
Dewey County	57	61.3%	58	70.7%	115	65.7%
Ellis County	72	93.5%	86	100.0%	158	100.0%
Garfield County	539	82.5%	520	78.5%	1,059	80.5%
Garvin County	336	78.3%	355	92.0%	691	84.8%
Grady County	458	82.8%	437	77.8%	895	80.3%
Grant County	63	86.3%	72	97.3%	135	91.8%
Greer County	62	79.5%	58	80.6%	120	80.0%
Harmon County	42	66.7%	50	76.9%	92	71.9%
Harper County	77	100.0%	53	94.6%	130	100.0%
Haskell County	149	93.1%	110	85.3%	259	89.6%
Hughes County	159	82.0%	173	91.1%	332	86.5%
Jackson County	329	81.6%	271	73.4%	600	77.7%
Jefferson County	103	85.1%	102	90.3%	205	87.6%
Johnston County	126	78.8%	108	93.9%	234	85.1%
Kay County	501	76.0%	517	77.9%	1,018	76.9%
Kingfisher County	182	81.3%	191	88.8%	373	85.0%
Kiowa County	135	85.4%	136	71.6%	271	77.9%
Latimer County	102	74.5%	114	78.1%	216	76.3%
Le Flore County	560	77.1%	484	71.5%	1,044	74.4%
Lincoln County	332	86.9%	322	85.4%	654	86.2%
Logan County	257	76.3%	208	69.3%	465	73.0%
Love County	98	81.0%	102	98.1%	200	88.9%
McClain County	115	100.0%	128	100.0%	243	100.0%
McCurtain County	114	75.0%	123	81.5%	237	78.2%
McIntosh County	392	81.3%	315	82.5%	707	81.8%
Major County	367	78.6%	299	75.3%	666	77.1%
Marshall County	462	70.6%	425	76.2%	887	73.2%
Mayes County	167	67.1%	146	68.2%	313	67.6%
Murray County	127	73.4%	102	70.8%	229	72.2%
Muskogee County	743	78.5%	710	77.9%	1,453	78.2%
Noble County	140	89.2%	117	77.0%	257	83.2%
Nowata County	101	69.2%	97	88.2%	198	77.3%
Okfuskee County	170	90.9%	128	77.6%	298	84.7%
Oklahoma County	4,963	70.0%	4,589	69.2%	9,552	69.6%
Okmulgee County	374	73.0%	319	74.4%	693	73.6%
Osage County	252	83.2%	194	76.1%	446	79.9%
Ottawa County	343	81.7%	290	74.2%	633	78.1%
Pawnee County	149	72.3%	144	80.4%	293	76.1%
Payne County	547	85.7%	567	87.5%	1,114	86.6%
Pittsburg County	482	85.0%	470	79.1%	952	82.0%
Pontotoc County	369	78.0%	371	79.6%	740	78.8%
Pottawatomie County	714	74.9%	603	69.0%	1,317	72.1%
Pushmataha County	143	82.7%	107	84.9%	250	83.6%
Roger Mills County	76	100.0%	79	100.0%	155	100.0%
Rogers County	577	77.8%	577	80.7%	1,154	79.2%
Seminole County	301	79.2%	290	79.0%	591	79.1%
Sequoyah County	469	80.3%	419	75.1%	888	77.8%
Stephens County	473	75.2%	449	80.5%	922	77.7%
Texas County	218	82.3%	188	74.3%	406	78.4%
Tillman County	114	62.0%	107	70.9%	221	66.0%
Tulsa County	5,003	71.0%	4,707	71.5%	9,710	71.3%
Wagoner County	300	73.9%	272	65.5%	572	69.7%
Washington County	575	92.4%	540	88.5%	1,115	90.5%
Washita County	116	84.7%	132	89.2%	248	87.0%
Woods County	88	90.7%	92	81.4%	180	85.7%
Woodward County	217	75.9%	314	100.0%	531	93.2%

THE BIG PICTURE

HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend since the 1980'S = 13.0% INCREASE in the percent of Oklahomans (age 25 & over) who completed high school
- Oklahoma's trend since the 1980'S = 15.1% DECREASE in the percent of teenagers (age16, 17 & 18) who do not have high school diplomas but are not enrolled in school
- Oklahoma's 1993 education-related rates =

  5.2% of students in grades 7 - 12 drop out

  76.6% of students graduate with their class

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY RATES SINCE 1980
TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL & NOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	66	85.7%
Stayed Even	1	1.3%
Worsened	10	13.0%

- FIFTEEN Oklahoma counties (or 19.5%) currently meet or do better than the National and Oklahoma Year 2000 goal of a 90% graduation rate.
- TWENTY-SIX Oklahoma counties (or 33.8%) currently fall below the Oklahoma average high school graduation rate of 76.6%.

OKLAHOMA kids count

JUVENILE CRIME

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Children are not just the victims of violent crime and abuse. Some commit the crime and abuse. Some are murderers. Some are rapists. Some seriously assault other people. Some use force or fear to rob other Oklahomans.

The number of crimes committed by Oklahoma youth is increasing. The number of arrests for violent crimes nearly doubled during the last decade. In 1980, 676 youths between the ages of 10 and 17 were placed under arrest for homicide, forcible rape, robbery or aggravated assault. By 1990, that number increased to 1,188 arrests, then increased again to 1,328 arrests by 1992. Juvenile violent crime is typically an urban phenomenon. While only one-third (32.5%) of Oklahoma's children age 10 through 17 live in the state's two largest counties (Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties), almost two-thirds (62%) of the juvenile arrests for violent crimes in the past four years (1990 through 1993) were made there.

Arrest rates are also on the increase. In 1980, the rate of violent crime arrests for Oklahoma youth between the ages of 10 and 17 was 172.4 arrests for every 100,000 youths that age. By 1990, the rate increased dramatically to 324.3 arrests for every 100,000 youths. Three Oklahoma counties (Tulsa County at 746.7 per 100,000, Major County at 682.9 per 100,000 and Kiowa County at 665.7 per 100,000) have juvenile violent crime arrest rates which are more than twice as high as the state average. Based on the latest figures available (1991) Oklahoma's rates remain below the corresponding national rate of 457 violent

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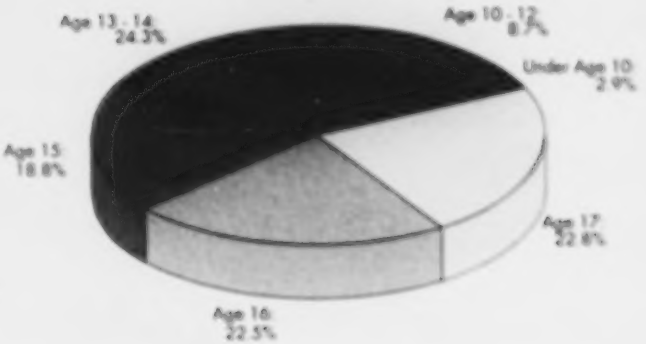
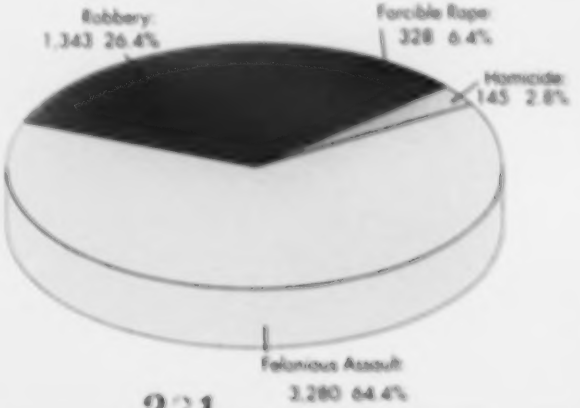
JUVENILE ARRESTS (through age 17)
All Offenses (Violent, Non-violent, Status)
1990 through 1993



JUVENILE ARRESTS (through age 17)
Violent Offenses (n = 5,096)
1990 through 1993



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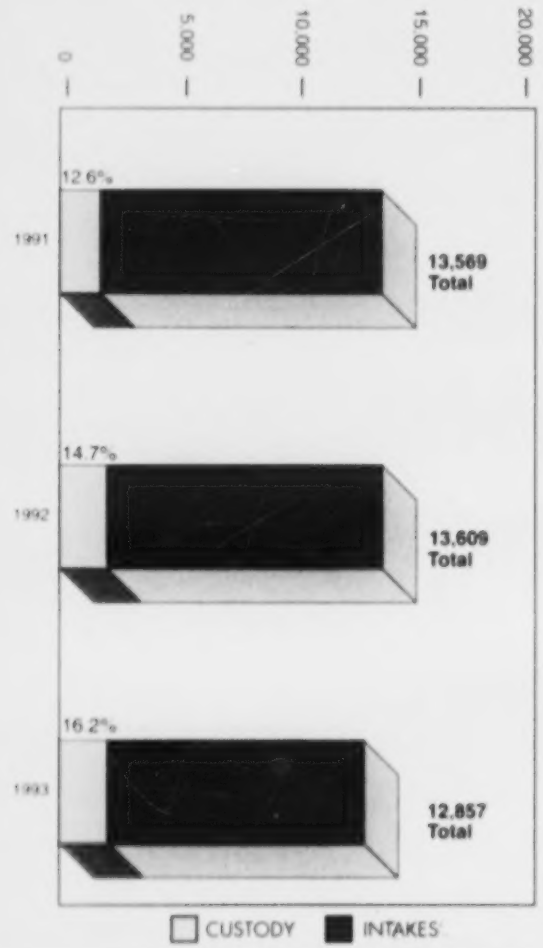
JUVENILES in DHS CUSTODY
Number of Intakes and Percent Placed in Custody
Oklahoma: 1991, 1992 and 1993



crime arrests for every 100,000 youths between the ages of 10 and 17. At the speed with which Oklahoma is closing the gap this will not likely be true by the end of this decade.

In four short years (1990 through 1993), 5,096 arrests for these serious and violent crimes were made of Oklahoma children under age 18. Two-thirds (64.4%) of the arrests were for felonious assault – violent attacks which involve the use of a weapon or result in serious injury (broken bones, loss of consciousness, internal injuries, and so on). One-fourth (26.4%) of the juvenile arrests for violent crime were for robbery – stealing money or property from a person using threats of force or violence. Nearly ten percent (9.2%) of these arrests were for the very serious and violent crimes of homicide – murder and manslaughter – and forcible rape. Some of those arrested are very young. One hundred one of these arrests were made of children under age 10.

Racial disparity is evident in Oklahoma's juvenile arrest statistics. On a statewide basis, Black children are over-represented in arrests for violent crimes. While Black children make up less than ten percent (9.6%) of the child population, they made up a full half (50.0%) of the arrests of children under age 18 for violent crimes. White children, comprising over three-quarters (76%) of the child population, accounted for less than half (44.7%) of those arrests. Violent crime arrests for Oklahoma children under age 18 represent about one-fifth (20.3%) of the 103,267 arrests of children for all types of offenses - violent, non-violent and status offenes -

during the past four years (1990 through 1993). While the numbers are less troublesome than when violent crimes are looked at in isolation, racial disparity is still evident in this broader category of offenses. Two-thirds (67.4%) of the arrests of children for violent, non-violent and status offenses are white children (compared to 76% in the population); one-fourth (26.2%) are Black children (compared to 9.6% in the population).

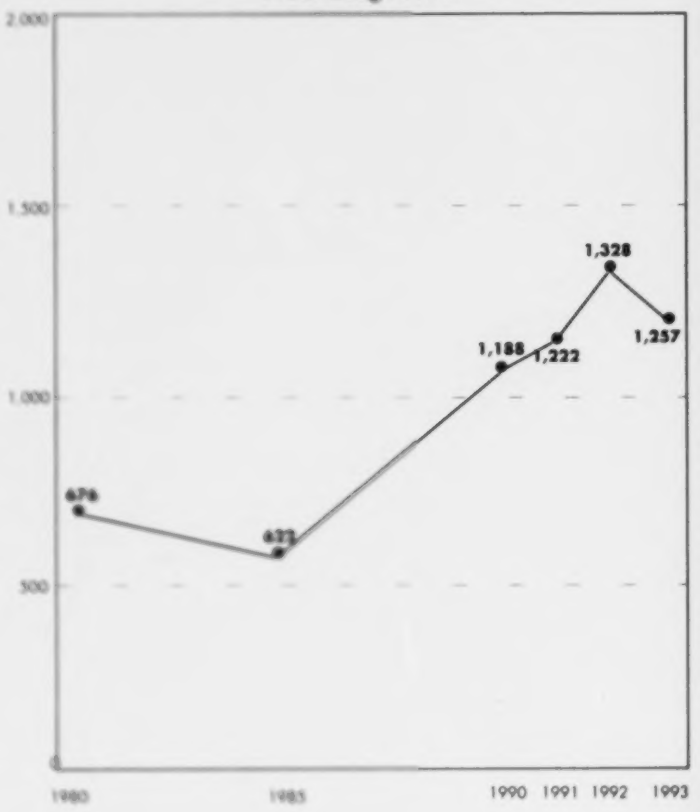
In the past four years (1990 through 1993), 595,003 arrests of persons of all ages have been made for all types of criminal offenses (violent, non-violent and status offenses). Arrests of children under age 18 account for one in every six (17.4%) of these arrests.

Some of the juveniles arrested for criminal acts are referred by law enforcement to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS). Between 1991 and 1993, an average of 13,345 youth a year went through intake at DHS. About 2,000 a year remain in DHS custody, typically after being adjudicated as "delinquent" by the courts.

Experts speculate about the causes of these increases in juvenile crime. Some feel these children have been failed by their families, their schools, their communities, the social service system, the juvenile justice system or others who failed to recognize and respond to early warning signs. Some blame the overexposure of children to violence on television, claiming that children are numbed to the real effects of violence. The American Psychological Association estimates than an average child or

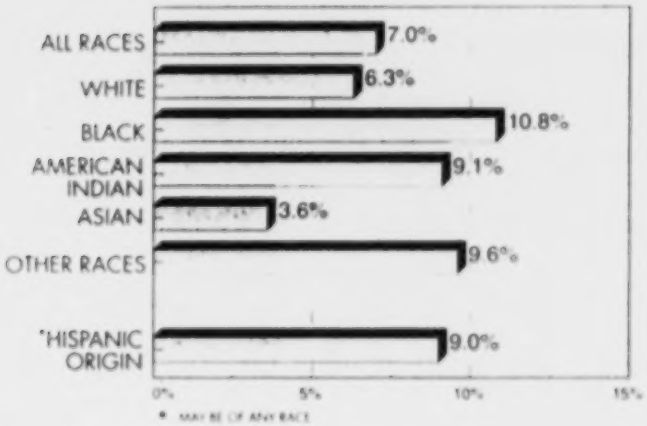
JUVENILE ARRESTS (Age 10 through 17)

Violent Offenses
1980 through 1993



IDLE TEENS (Age 16 - 19)

Not Enrolled in School & Not in Labor Force
Percent of Each Race, 1990



YOUNG VIOLENT CRIMINALS

Arrests of Children Under Age 10
1990 through 1993

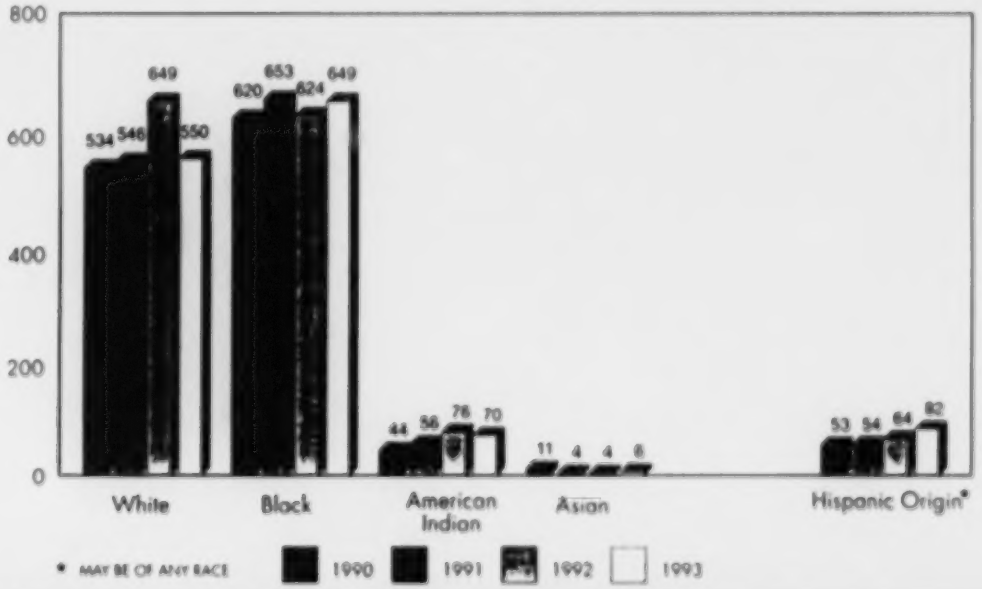
	1990	1991	1992	1993	ALL YEARS (1990 - 1993)
Forcible Rape	2	0	1	1	**4**
Robbery	4	2	3	1	**10**
Felonious Assault	15	35	21	16	**87**
TOTAL CHARGES	21	37	25	18	**101**

teenager views 10,000 murders, rapes and aggravated assaults per year on television. Research has demonstrated that children imitate the violence they observe on television.

Other experts point to the inter-relatedness of different types of violence. Nearly half (42%) of those arrested for violent crimes were abused as children. Some connect juvenile crime with teen idleness. More than 13,000 Oklahomans age 16 through 19 are not enrolled in school and are not in the labor force.

JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS

Number per Year by Race of Juvenile
1990 through 1993 (Under Age 18)



JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS

RATE per 100,000 YOUTH AGE 10 through 17

1990

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JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS: Age 10 through 17
Number Per Year: 1980, 1985, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
Rate per 100,000 Youths Age 10 through 17: 1980 and 1990

	1980	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993	TOTAL Number 1990-93	AVERAGE Number 1990-93	RATE/100,000 Youths Age 10 through 17 1980	1990
STATE TOTALS	**676**	**622**	**1,188**	**1,222**	**1,328**	**1,257**	**4,995**	**1,248.8**	**172.4**	**324.3**
Adair County	4	0	1	0	2	1	4	1.0	130.1	38.3
Alfalfa County	1	1	2	3	0	0	5	1.3	107.1	317.0
Atoka County	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.3	60.2	62.7
Beaver County	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Beckham County	2	1	3	9	1	6	19	4.8	91.9	128.8
Blaine County	2	0	8	10	1	0	19	4.8	116.3	589.5
Bryan County	2	3	3	6	5	3	17	4.3	52.2	81.7
Caddo County	3	3	12	1	11	7	31	7.8	65.9	317.5
Canadian County	7	6	20	14	23	10	67	16.8	83.8	200.3
Carter County	8	9	10	11	13	9	43	10.8	140.9	185.3
Cherokee County	0	6	2	7	2	5	16	4.0	0.0	48.8
Choctaw County	1	3	2	7	12	2	23	5.8	39.9	98.8
Cimarron County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cleveland County	30	15	44	33	22	17	116	29.0	172.1	218.8
Coal County	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.5	0.0	0.0
Comanche County	27	32	57	51	64	83	255	63.8	179.3	446.2
Cotton County	3	1	0	1	0	6	7	1.8	318.8	0.0
Craig County	0	0	2	2	0	3	7	1.8	0.0	127.7
Creek County	4	2	3	9	13	7	32	8.0	46.6	38.3
Custer County	4	0	2	4	11	4	21	5.3	141.9	66.8
Delaware County	2	0	0	0	6	0	6	1.5	59.4	0.0
Dewey County	0	0	1	2	0	1	4	1.0	0.0	145.1
Ellis County	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Garfield County	7	8	15	9	14	5	43	10.8	93.2	229.1
Garvin County	4	1	5	3	12	5	25	6.3	110.3	158.9
Grady County	8	5	8	4	12	9	33	8.3	144.0	148.6
Grant County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Greer County	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.3	266.7	162.6
Harmon County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Harper County	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.5	191.6	0.0
Haskell County	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3	266.8	0.0
Hughes County	1	4	2	2	4	1	9	2.3	52.4	126.7
Jackson County	9	5	16	9	10	9	44	11.0	215.7	465.1
Jefferson County	1	0	1	1	3	1	6	1.5	97.4	120.5
Johnston County	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	1.5	0.0	0.0
Kay County	17	7	17	14	29	26	86	21.5	283.4	307.9
Kingfisher County	1	0	7	0	1	0	8	2.0	53.2	413.7
Kiowa County	0	0	9	12	52	33	106	26.5	0.0	665.7
Latimer County	0	0	1	2	4	2	9	2.3	0.0	77.7
LeFlore County	5	3	6	4	5	7	22	5.5	84.5	107.4
Lincoln County	3	1	4	2	2	0	8	2.0	80.5	103.7
Logan County	5	5	7	1	10	6	24	6.0	136.0	192.2
Love County	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	196.9	0.0
McClain County	8	0	0	3	3	2	8	2.0	254.2	0.0
McCurtain County	7	3	11	10	21	28	70	17.5	123.7	240.9
McIntosh County	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0.8	0.0	0.0
Major County	0	1	7	0	0	0	7	1.8	0.0	682.9
Marshall County	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Mayes County	3	0	1	2	0	7	10	2.5	66.7	24.4
Murray County	5	0	1	2	2	0	5	1.3	303.6	69.8
Muskogee County	12	14	37	34	63	77	211	52.8	135.7	441.1
Noble County	0	7	4	3	2	2	11	2.8	0.0	303.5
Nowata County	0	0	2	1	2	3	8	2.0	0.0	167.6
Okfuskee County	6	0	0	2	1	2	5	1.3	350.5	0.0
Oklahoma County	272	201	346	432	439	440	1,657	414.3	396.1	534.0
Okmulgee County	1	7	10	17	11	9	47	11.8	19.3	232.3
Osage County	3	4	1	3	5	2	11	2.8	57.1	18.7
Ottawa County	5	14	0	9	1	5	15	3.8	117.3	0.0
Pawnee County	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	0.8	48.6	102.2
Payne County	3	9	20	7	8	7	42	10.5	56.1	366.6
Pittsburg County	10	1	6	6	4	6	22	5.5	182.1	123.8
Pontotoc County	5	4	2	3	1	1	7	1.8	129.1	51.9
Pottawatomie County	13	9	27	24	22	18	91	22.8	170.0	369.3
Pushmataha County	2	0	3	2	1	0	6	1.5	111.7	229.5
Roger Mills County	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.5	0.0	0.0
Rogers County	1	5	3	5	3	7	18	4.5	13.7	42.6
Seminole County	7	7	2	3	8	4	17	4.3	186.5	64.8
Sequoyah County	3	2	0	1	10	0	11	2.8	59.3	0.0
Stephens County	5	0	1	5	2	9	17	4.3	95.9	19.4
Texas County	2	3	0	1	0	2	3	0.8	87.0	0.0
Tillman County	0	11	6	2	9	0	17	4.3	0.0	459.8
Tulsa County	112	179	404	389	323	324	1,440	360.0	191.7	746.7
Wagoner County	0	3	5	1	1	4	11	2.8	0.0	74.6
Washington County	12	6	10	7	15	13	45	11.3	204.0	182.2
Washita County	3	1	1	0	2	2	5	1.3	177.2	74.1
Woods County	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Woodward County	4	2	4	8	18	10	40	10.0	152.4	166.3

JUVENILES IN STATE CUSTODY: Department of Human Services (OJJ) & Juvenile Bureaus; Number of Intakes for Delinquents and Status Offenders; Number & Percent of Intakes Resulting in Custody with Department of Human Services; Oklahoma and Counties: 1991, 1992 and 1993

	1991 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%	1992 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%	1993 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%
STATE TOTALS	13,369	1,716	12.8%	13,009	1,907	14.7%	12,857	2,083	16.2%
Adair County	113	5	4.4%	132	11	8.3%	122	8	6.6%
Alfalfa County	12	0	0.0%	18	0	0.0%	28	0	0.0%
Atoka County	53	0	0.0%	35	0	0.0%	64	1	1.6%
Beaver County	14	0	0.0%	22	3	13.6%	21	3	14.3%
Beckham County	108	5	4.6%	85	4	4.7%	100	8	8.0%
Blaine County	33	6	18.2%	66	14	21.2%	48	17	35.4%
Bryan County	207	9	4.3%	206	6	2.9%	157	6	3.8%
Caddo County	172	15	8.7%	168	17	10.1%	178	23	12.9%
Canadian County	242	26	10.7%	301	26	8.6%	175	35	20.0%
Carter County	81	15	18.5%	94	22	23.4%	95	19	20.0%
Cherokee County	208	10	4.8%	189	13	6.9%	185	24	13.0%
Choctaw County	86	3	3.5%	47	3	6.4%	38	2	5.3%
Cimarron County	6	2	33.3%	4	1	25.0%	4	2	–
Cleveland County	1,219	143	11.7%	1,090	150	13.8%	957	113	11.8%
Coal County	29	2	6.9%	11	2	18.2%	30	4	13.3%
Comanche County	470	89	18.9%	371	119	32.1%	395	125	31.6%
Cotton County	73	6	8.2%	67	5	7.5%	72	5	6.9%
Craig County	152	5	3.3%	83	6	7.2%	146	12	8.2%
Creek County	165	20	12.1%	170	25	14.7%	213	40	18.8%
Custer County	221	15	6.8%	254	19	7.5%	177	21	11.9%
Delaware County	120	19	15.8%	105	16	15.2%	101	14	13.9%
Dewey County	24	0	0.0%	12	0	0.0%	20	0	0.0%
Ellis County	20	1	5.0%	39	2	5.1%	19	5	26.3%
Garfield County	351	42	12.0%	367	51	13.9%	406	45	11.1%
Garvin County	172	5	2.9%	193	4	2.1%	192	4	2.1%
Grady County	222	27	12.2%	286	22	7.7%	236	29	12.3%
Grant County	13	1	7.7%	23	2	8.7%	17	2	11.8%
Greer County	28	5	17.9%	37	4	10.8%	52	2	3.8%
Harmon County	15	2	13.3%	13	2	15.4%	9	3	33.3%
Harper County	29	2	6.9%	16	1	6.3%	4	0	0.0%
Haskell County	29	2	6.9%	17	3	17.6%	12	3	25.0%
Hughes County	63	3	4.8%	66	5	7.6%	52	1	1.9%
Jackson County	206	23	11.2%	178	17	9.6%	211	20	9.5%
Jefferson County	42	3	7.1%	36	6	16.7%	54	7	13.0%
Johnston County	70	4	5.7%	58	4	6.9%	74	3	4.1%
Kay County	191	23	12.0%	293	18	6.1%	230	32	13.9%

• One of every six arrests for crimes in Oklahoma is of a child.

• The number and rate of juvenile arrests for violent crimes in Oklahoma sky-rocketed during the last decade.

	1991 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%	1992 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%	1993 INTAKES	CUSTODY	%
Kingfisher County	29	2	6.9%	20	6	30.0%	23	4	17.4%
Kiowa County	49	8	16.3%	19	9	47.4%	53	4	7.5%
Latimer County	52	5	9.6%	68	6	8.8%	83	4	4.8%
Le Flore County	178	13	7.3%	259	19	7.3%	194	17	8.8%
Lincoln County	77	4	5.2%	60	9	15.0%	47	12	25.5%
Logan County	123	12	9.8%	147	29	19.7%	153	55	35.9%
Love County	74	0	0.0%	85	1	1.2%	58	0	0.0%
McClain County	48	2	4.2%	41	3	7.3%	38	3	7.9%
McCurtain County	61	7	11.5%	44	5	11.4%	56	4	7.1%
McIntosh County	168	20	11.9%	165	22	13.3%	208	22	10.6%
Major County	77	12	15.6%	172	12	7.0%	210	12	5.7%
Marshall County	190	15	7.9%	110	18	16.4%	213	26	12.2%
Mayes County	54	12	22.2%	46	11	23.9%	45	9	20.0%
Murray County	69	0	0.0%	40	4	10.0%	33	6	18.2%
Muskogee County	300	22	7.3%	303	31	10.2%	263	42	16.0%
Noble County	23	3	13.0%	40	3	7.5%	31	1	3.2%
Nowata County	44	5	11.4%	78	2	2.6%	110	8	7.3%
Okfuskee County	35	1	2.9%	80	3	3.8%	40	4	10.0%
Oklahoma County	1,516	515	34.0%	1,545	600	38.8%	1,294	585	45.2%
Okmulgee County	132	26	19.7%	116	13	11.2%	118	12	10.2%
Osage County	223	25	11.2%	208	27	13.0%	206	25	12.1%
Ottawa County	213	41	19.2%	222	32	14.4%	194	35	18.0%
Pawnee County	118	1	0.8%	167	4	2.4%	89	1	1.1%
Payne County	361	27	7.5%	281	31	11.0%	267	25	9.4%
Pittsburg County	177	8	4.5%	218	13	6.0%	156	10	6.4%
Pontotoc County	252	15	6.0%	292	12	4.1%	238	12	5.0%
Pottawatomie County	233	24	10.3%	264	30	11.4%	388	30	7.7%
Pushmataha County	34	6	17.6%	38	5	13.2%	71	4	5.6%
Roger Mills County	12	0	0.0%	5	0	0.0%	6	0	0.0%
Rogers County	275	11	4.0%	264	5	1.9%	190	12	6.3%
Seminole County	189	10	5.3%	149	21	14.1%	148	16	10.8%
Sequoyah County	302	9	3.0%	253	10	4.0%	207	13	6.3%
Stephens County	212	20	9.4%	194	14	7.2%	222	10	4.5%
Texas County	170	3	1.8%	175	5	2.9%	171	10	5.8%
Tillman County	86	6	7.0%	90	11	12.2%	59	12	20.3%
Tulsa County	1,236	209	16.9%	1,356	279	20.6%	1,178	304	25.8%
Wagoner County	204	18	8.8%	164	23	14.0%	156	15	9.6%
Washington County	475	36	7.6%	437	39	8.9%	438	45	10.3%
Washita County	23	5	21.7%	4	1	–	15	1	6.7%
Woods County	40	2	5.0%	2	0	–	33	2	6.1%
Woodward County	176	18	10.2%	236	26	11.0%	261	33	12.6%

– = numbers too small to calculate meaningful rates

•Of the more than 5,000 juvenile arrests for violent crime during the last four years, more than 100 were children under age 10.

IDLE TEENS: Age 16 to 19, Teens Not Enrolled in School and Not in the Labor Force, Number and Percent, By Race, 1990

	IDLE TEENS Total	%	IDLE TEENS White	%	IDLE TEENS Black	%	IDLE TEENS Am. Indian	%	IDLE TEENS Asian	%	IDLE TEENS Other	%	IDLE TEENS *Hispanic Origin	%
STATE TOTALS	**13,057**	**7.0%**	**9,102**	**6.3%**	**1,861**	**10.8%**	**1,742**	**9.1%**	**86**	**3.6%**	**266**	**9.6%**	**568**	**9.0%**
Adair County	150	12.0%	88	15.2%	0	n/a	62	9.3%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Alfalfa County	15	5.7%	6	2.4%	9	100.0%	0	–	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	–
Atoka County	60	8.0%	58	10.0%	2	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Beaver County	12	4.0%	12	4.1%	0	n/a	0	–	0	n/a	0	–	0	–
Beckham County	106	11.3%	100	11.5%	6	27.3%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Blaine County	53	8.5%	40	8.3%	0	0.0%	11	14.1%	0	0.0%	2	22.2%	2	12.5%
Bryan County	147	6.8%	108	6.4%	0	0.0%	39	10.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Caddo County	287	17.0%	156	14.5%	46	42.6%	79	16.8%	0	0.0%	6	18.8%	14	21.5%
Canadian County	233	5.1%	215	5.2%	0	0.0%	18	12.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Carter County	188	7.9%	117	6.4%	29	13.0%	42	14.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Cherokee County	198	8.4%	110	8.1%	0	0.0%	76	8.1%	0	0.0%	12	75.0%	12	31.6%
Choctaw County	127	13.8%	78	12.8%	34	25.8%	15	8.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Cimarron County	14	8.1%	10	6.8%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%	4	26.7%	4	14.8%
Cleveland County	517	4.2%	442	4.1%	20	4.8%	41	6.0%	14	5.3%	0	0.0%	7	1.6%
Coal County	47	14.0%	38	14.6%	3	30.0%	6	9.1%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Comanche County	589	7.5%	450	8.4%	100	5.9%	37	10.6%	2	1.0%	0	0.0%	17	2.6%
Cotton County	11	3.0%	9	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	2	8.7%	2	7.4%
Craig County	54	6.1%	39	6.8%	0	0.0%	15	5.5%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Creek County	191	5.4%	175	5.7%	14	11.8%	2	0.7%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Custer County	95	4.5%	56	3.2%	16	20.5%	9	5.7%	0	0.0%	14	17.7%	14	14.9%
Delaware County	113	8.4%	49	5.5%	0	–	64	14.5%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Dewey County	8	3.0%	8	3.6%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ellis County	16	6.8%	16	7.0%	0	n/a	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Garfield County	127	4.6%	125	5.0%	0	0.0%	2	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Garvin County	138	9.3%	117	9.3%	6	12.8%	13	7.6%	0	–	2	50.0%	2	15.4%
Grady County	215	8.5%	181	8.3%	13	13.0%	9	4.5%	0	0.0%	12	37.5%	29	31.2%
Grant County	12	4.4%	10	3.8%	0	n/a	2	40.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Greer County	94	26.4%	54	20.4%	26	39.4%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	14	70.0%	14	70.0%
Harmon County	33	14.2%	0	0.0%	11	50.0%	0	–	0	0.0%	22	25.9%	22	25.9%
Harper County	9	4.6%	9	5.0%	0	n/a	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Haskell County	111	16.5%	68	13.4%	0	n/a	43	29.1%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hughes County	68	9.8%	39	7.5%	0	0.0%	29	20.3%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	2	–
Jackson County	140	8.3%	98	7.7%	23	11.3%	0	0.0%	4	26.7%	15	8.9%	17	7.9%
Jefferson County	31	7.8%	24	6.9%	0	–	5	22.7%	0	0.0%	2	10.5%	2	7.7%
Johnston County	39	5.0%	28	4.9%	0	0.0%	11	7.3%	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Kay County	106	4.2%	81	3.6%	0	0.0%	25	10.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Kingfisher County	34	4.7%	32	4.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	2	15.4%	2	10.0%
Kiowa County	27	4.2%	26	5.2%	0	0.0%	1	1.7%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	2	6.1%

	IDLE TEENS Total	%	IDLE TEENS White	%	IDLE TEENS Black	%	IDLE TEENS Am. Indian	%	IDLE TEENS Asian	%	IDLE TEENS Other	%	IDLE TEENS *Hispanic	Origin %
Latimer County	52	6.7%	38	6.6%	0	0.0%	14	10.3%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Le Flore County	195	7.2%	149	6.8%	8	11.1%	38	9.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lincoln County	146	8.3%	113	7.3%	2	3.0%	31	21.1%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	13	30.2%
Logan County	375	16.4%	159	11.2%	206	26.6%	4	7.0%	0	n/a	6	n/a	4	7.7%
Love County	23	4.9%	23	5.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
McClain County	97	7.0%	82	6.6%	0	n/a	13	8.4%	0	n/a	2	–	12	44.4%
McCurtain County	198	9.7%	152	10.4%	17	5.5%	29	10.5%	0	n/a	0	–	7	20.6%
McIntosh County	143	16.6%	81	13.1%	12	46.2%	50	22.8%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Major County	9	2.2%	9	2.3%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Marshall County	81	13.3%	70	15.4%	8	25.8%	3	2.5%	0	n/a	0	n/a	1	12.5%
Mayes County	167	8.6%	129	9.0%	0	0.0%	38	7.7%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Murray County	63	10.0%	49	8.5%	0	0.0%	14	32.6%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Muskogee County	409	10.2%	215	8.4%	90	13.6%	95	12.3%	0	0.0%	9	34.6%	19	17.0%
Noble County	45	8.6%	35	7.9%	0	0.0%	10	15.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Nowata County	16	2.7%	9	2.1%	0	0.0%	7	5.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Okfuskee County	67	10.0%	40	9.7%	21	24.1%	6	3.5%	0	n/a	0	n/a	9	47.4%
Oklahoma County	2,419	7.4%	1,527	6.5%	591	10.0%	154	8.4%	48	5.8%	99	14.3%	249	15.1%
Okmulgee County	181	8.2%	117	7.3%	44	15.5%	20	6.9%	0	–	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Osage County	116	5.2%	60	3.9%	32	9.5%	24	6.7%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ottawa County	165	7.2%	129	7.7%	0	0.0%	34	7.3%	0	n/a	2	16.7%	2	9.1%
Pawnee County	63	7.0%	44	5.8%	3	30.0%	16	12.9%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Payne County	190	3.4%	173	3.5%	0	0.0%	17	6.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	9.4%
Pittsburg County	182	8.0%	135	7.8%	18	14.8%	27	7.0%	0	0.0%	2	10.5%	4	7.1%
Pontotoc County	171	7.3%	134	7.3%	0	0.0%	37	9.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pottawatomie County	231	5.7%	176	5.2%	9	9.3%	42	7.5%	4	22.2%	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Pushmataha County	24	4.1%	22	5.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.4%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Roger Mills County	24	9.7%	23	9.6%	0	n/a	1	11.1%	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Rogers County	188	5.5%	149	5.2%	5	29.4%	34	6.3%	0	0.0%	0	–	0	0.0%
Seminole County	124	7.9%	71	6.8%	9	5.4%	44	12.5%	0	–	0	n/a	0	0.0%
Sequoyah County	202	9.6%	115	7.9%	0	0.0%	87	14.6%	0	n/a	0	–	0	0.0%
Stephens County	217	9.8%	180	9.5%	12	18.5%	21	11.4%	4	17.4%	0	0.0%	8	11.3%
Texas County	58	5.3%	41	4.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	–	17	23.6%	23	21.7%
Tillman County	46	7.5%	36	9.9%	7	7.3%	0	0.0%	0	n/a	3	3.3%	3	2.2%
Tulsa County	1,630	6.1%	1,091	5.3%	398	11.2%	131	7.3%	5	1.0%	5	1.7%	20	2.8%
Wagoner County	167	5.6%	126	4.9%	0	0.0%	41	13.4%	0	n/a	0	0.0%	6	8.3%
Washington County	68	2.9%	66	3.4%	0	0.0%	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Washita County	23	4.1%	18	3.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	83.3%	5	16.7%
Woods County	20	3.2%	13	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	77.8%	7	38.9%
Woodward County	47	4.7%	31	3.3%	11	50.0%	0	0.0%	5	45.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

n/a = no teens in category
– = numbers too small to calculate meaningful rate
* may be of any race

THE BIG PICTURE

JUVENILE CRIME

STATE SNAPSHOT

- Oklahoma's trend from 1980 to 1990 = 75.7% INCREASE in the number and 88.1% INCREASE in the rate of violent crime arrests of juveniles (age 10 through 17)
- In 1990 Oklahoma's rate of violent crime arrests of juveniles (age 10 through 17) = 324.3 arrests for every 100,000 youths that age
- In the last four years there were 5,096 violent crime arrests and 98,171 non-violent crime and status offense arrests of juveniles (under age 18)

COUNTY SNAPSHOT

COUNTY RATES SINCE 1980

Trend	# of counties	% of counties
Improved	23	29.9%
None*	11	14.3%
Worsened	43	55.8%

*No violent crime juvenile arrests in 1980 or 1990

- TWELVE Oklahoma counties (or 15.6%) currently have juvenile violent crime arrest rates higher than the state rate of 324.3 per 100,000 youths.
- THREE Oklahoma counties (or 4.9%) currently have juvenile violent crime arrest rates higher than the national rate of 457 per 100,000 youths.

Data and information used in Oklahoma KIDS COUNT came from a wide variety of sources in Oklahoma and around the nation. This section identifies the sources for the information found in each section and the method used for computations where applicable.

There is no agreement about the specific terminology or the number of categories which should be used to classify race and ethnicity. The categories listed in this report are the categories in the sources relied upon for information. At times different sources will use different categories to report racial characteristics. Some indicators were not available by race at all. This makes it difficult to look across the indicators by race. Persons within each race or ethnic group are encouraged to re-title or refer to the data in a manner which reflects their preferences.

OVERVIEW and FINDINGS

NOTE: For additional information on these issues and the data refer to the section of Oklahoma KIDS COUNT that addresses each topic.

Child Population is the total resident population under age 18 including dependents of Armed Forces personnel stationed in the area. The trends compare the number of Oklahoma children in 1980 to the number in 1990. **CURRENT DATA:** The 1990 Oklahoma child population is 837,007 and comprises 26.6% of all Oklahomans. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A and 2B* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A.*

Low Birthweight Infants is the percentage of live births weighing under 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds. Births count both the total resident live births and the low weight births and compares two five-year periods (1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each five year period. **CURRENT DATA:** The average annual rate of low birthweight infants for 1988 through 1992 in Oklahoma is 6.6% of all live births. **SOURCE:** MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. *Health Status Indicators for Maternal and Child Health Programs*, Tbl. 11 (1983-87 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1988-92 Average Annual Percentages, By Race).

Infant Mortality is a death occurring to an infant under 1 year of age. Rates are calculated per 1,000 live births. The data counts the total resident live births and the deaths for two five-year periods (1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each five year period. **CURRENT DATA:** The average annual rate of infant mortality for 1988 through 1992 in Oklahoma is 8.9 per 1,000 live births. **SOURCE:** MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. *Health Status Indicators for Maternal and Child Health Programs*, Tbl. 12 (1983-87 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1988-92 Average Annual Percentages, By Race).

Births to Unmarried Teens are live births which occur to unmarried women under age 20. Births count both the total resident live births and the births to unmarried women under age 20 for two three-year periods (1984 through 1986 and 1989 through 1991). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each three year period. **CURRENT DATA:** The average annual rate of births to unmarried teens for 1989 through 1991 in Oklahoma is 9.3% of all live births. **SOURCE:** Data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Child Abuse and Neglect means harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare. Data includes reports of suspected abuse or neglect for which there were formal investigations and, of those, the number for which abuse or neglect were confirmed. Years compared are Fiscal Year 1985 and Fiscal year 1993. **CURRENT DATA:** There were 8,359 confirmations of child abuse and neglect in Oklahoma during 1993. **SOURCE:** Division of Child Welfare, Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Child Deaths are the number of deaths of children between ages 1 and 14. The data counts deaths from all causes. The data compares the death rates for two five-year periods (1978 through 1982 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual rates for each five year period. Rates are displayed as deaths per 100,000 children between ages 1 through 14. **CURRENT DATA:** The average annual child death rate for 1988 through 1992 for Oklahoma is 32.2 deaths per 100,000 children ages 1 through 14. **SOURCE:** Death data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Population data provided by Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *using* U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A*, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A*.

Children in Poverty counts the related children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold (poverty income guidelines). Related Children are the children related to the "family head" by birth, marriage or adoption and include relatives such as nieces and nephews. Children under age 18 who do not live in a household where they are related to the head of the household are not included in this analysis. The Poverty Income Guidelines, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, are based upon the amount of money that is required to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. Data counts poor children calculated as a percent of all children. Trends compare percent of child poverty in 1980 to percent of child poverty in 1990. **CURRENT DATA:** The 1990 child poverty rate for Oklahoma is 21.7%. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A*.

Teens Not Enrolled in School and Not a High School Graduate counts teenagers falling within that definition who are ages 16, 17, and 18. Trend data compares 1980 and 1990. **CURRENT DATA:** The 1990 rate for Oklahoma teens not enrolled in school and not a high school graduate is 11.8%. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 3A* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 3A*.

Juvenile Violent Crime counts arrests of youth between the ages of 10 and 17 for violent offenses (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault). The annual arrest figures include all arrests for violent offenses during the year, including repeated arrests of the same individual for different offenses. Rates compare the number of arrests of youth age 10 through 17 for violent offenses (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) to all children age 10 through 17 and is reported as a rate per 100,000 youths. **SOURCE:** Arrest data provided by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Population data provided by Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *using* U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A*, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A*.

OKLAHOMA'S CHILDREN

Child Population is the total resident population under age 18 including dependents of Armed Forces personnel stationed in the area. Data was selected and displayed to present age, race and location. For census purposes race is self-identified in one of four categories: white, Black, Indian (American Indian or Alaska Native), and Asian (or Pacific Islander). Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race. Other includes races not selected and other races written in. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A and 2B* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A*.

Children in Single Parent Families are related children under the age of 18 who live in families headed by a person - male or female - without a spouse present in the home. "Related children" are the children related to the "family

head" by birth, marriage or adoption and include relatives such as nieces and nephews. Data tables display children in single parent families calculated as a percent of the children in the category referenced. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there are no children in that category. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of children in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing specific categories, such as race or age, within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 2B* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 2B.*

Children in Urban and Rural Areas use the terms consistent with Census Bureau definitions. Urban means all the population in areas designated as "urban" by the Census Bureau and in places of 2,500 or more people. Rural means all the areas not falling into the urban definition. The terms "urban" and "rural" cut across other categories. For instance, there can be both urban and rural areas in counties or metropolitan areas. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1B.*

Children in Metropolitan Areas are those in locations established by the Census Bureau around a large population nucleus, together with adjacent counties that have a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. For 1990, Oklahoma has five designated Metropolitan Areas, each with designated adjacent counties.

ENID: Garfield County
FORT SMITH: Sequoyah County
LAWTON: Comanche County
OKLAHOMA CITY: Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma & Pottawatomie Counties
TULSA: Creek, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa & Wagoner Counties.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1.*

Children Living in Severely Distressed Neighborhoods are children under age 18 who live in a Census tract or Block Numbering Area (BNA) with at least four of the five following characteristics: (1) high poverty rate [above 27.5%]; (2) high percent of female-headed families [above 39.6%]; (3) high percent of high school drop-outs [above 23.3%]; (4) high percent of males unattached to the labor force [above 46.5%]; and (5) high percent of families receiving public assistance income [above 17.0%]. "High percent" is defined as more than one standard deviation above the national mean for all Census Tracts/BNAs. **SOURCE:** Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *analysis of* U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 3A.*

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LOW BIRTHWEIGHT INFANTS

Percentage of Low Birthweight Infants is the percentage of live births weighing under 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds. Births count both the total resident live births and the low weight births for five-year periods (1978 through 1982, 1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each five-year period. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. Low birthweight rates were calculated for all counties and races within each county for which there were births during the period reviewed. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no births in that category. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. Beginning in 1989, the "race of child" was redefined to reflect the mother's race. To remain consistent with Oklahoma State Department of Health reporting formats, calculations using birth and maternity data did not consider the size of the group. State totals may vary from the total of all the counties since state totals include births for which the county of residence was unknown. **SOURCE:** MCH Planning and

Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. *Health Status Indicators for Maternal and Child Health Programs*, Tbl. 11 (1978-82 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1983-87 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1988-92 Average Annual Percentages, By Race).

Prenatal Care Beginning in the First Trimester and **Levels of Prenatal Care** address the timing and amount of medical care and monitoring an expectant mother receives. Levels of care include: *adequate* (care beginning in the first trimester with ten or more visits), *intermediate* (care beginning in the first trimester with four through nine visits OR care beginning in the second trimester with four or more visits), *early* (care beginning in the first trimester), *late* (care beginning in the third trimester with one or more visits), *little* (care beginning in the first or second trimester with one through three visits), and no care. Rates are calculated as percentages of all live births. Births count both the total resident live births and the level of care for the five-year period from 1988 through 1992. Resulting rates create an average annual percentage. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. Beginning in 1989, the "race of child" was redefined to reflect the mother's race. **SOURCE:** MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. *Health Status Indicators for Maternal and Child Health Programs*, Tbl. 10 (1988-92 Average Annual Percentages, By Child's Race).

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INFANT MORTALITY

Infant mortality rates are the number of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. **Fetal mortality rates** are the number of deaths occurring after 20 weeks of gestation but before birth per 1,000 live births. **Neonatal mortality rates** are the number of deaths occurring to infants under 28 days of age per 1,000 live births. **Perinatal mortality rates** are the number of deaths occurring after 20 weeks of gestation through 28 days of age per 1,000 live births. **Post-Neonatal mortality rates** are the number of deaths occurring to infants under 1 year of age after 28 days from birth per 1,000 live births. The data counts the total resident live births and the deaths for five-year periods (1978 through 1982, 1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each five-year period. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. Mortality rates were calculated for all counties and races within each county for which there were births during the period reviewed. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no births in that category. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. Beginning in 1989, the "race of child" was redefined to reflect the mother's race. To remain consistent with Oklahoma State Department of Health reporting formats, calculations using birth and maternity data did not consider the size of the group. State totals may vary from the total of all the counties since state totals include births for which the county of residence was unknown. **SOURCE:** MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal &

Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. *Health Status Indicators for Maternal and Child Health Programs*, Tbl. 12 (1978-82 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1983-87 Average Annual Percentages, By Race; 1988-92 Average Annual Percentages, By Race)

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BIRTHS TO TEENS

Percentage of Births to Unmarried Teenagers is the percentage of live births which occur to unmarried women under age 20. Births count both the total resident live births and the births to unmarried women under age 20 for three-year periods (1979 through 1981, 1984 through 1986, and 1989 through 1991). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each three year period. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. To remain consistent with Oklahoma State Department of Health reporting formats, calculations using birth and maternity data did not consider the size of the group. State totals may vary from the total of all the counties since state totals include births for which the county of residence was unknown. **SOURCE:** Data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Percentage of Teenage Births is the percentage of live births which occur to mothers under age 18. Births count both the total resident live births and the births to teens under age 18 for five-year periods (1978 through 1982, 1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual percentages for each five-year period. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. Teenage birth rates were calculated for all counties and races within each county for which there were births during the period reviewed. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no births in that category. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. Beginning in 1989, the "race of child" was redefined to reflect the mother's race. To remain consistent with Oklahoma State Department of Health reporting formats, calculations using birth and maternity data did not consider the size of the group. State totals may vary from the total of all the counties since state totals include births for which the county of residence was unknown. **SOURCE:** Data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rate of Teenage Births is the number of live births occurring to mothers under age 18 per 1,000 girls under age 18. Births count the average annual births to teens under age 18 during the five-year period covering 1988 through 1992. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. Teenage birth rates were calculated for all counties and races within each county for which there were births during the period reviewed. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no births in that category. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. Beginning in 1989, the "race of child" was redefined to reflect the mother's race. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of children in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing specific categories, such as race or age, within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** Birth data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Population data provided by Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and

Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *using* U.S. Bureau of the Census. *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A.*

Oklahoma 2000 Goals for Births to Teenage Mothers uses data for live births which occur to mothers under age 20. The base year births count the total births to women under age 20 during the year of 1988. The comparative year births count the total births to women under age 20 during the year of 1992. The data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of birth. **SOURCE:** Data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Child Abuse and Neglect means harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare. **Abuse** includes sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or non-accidental physical or mental injury. **Sexual Abuse** includes rape, incest and lewd or indecent acts or proposals by a person responsible for the child's welfare. **Sexual Exploitation** includes a person responsible for the child's welfare allowing or encouraging a child to engage in prostitution or pornography or engaging in child pornography. *21 O. Supp. 1993,843.* Everyone in Oklahoma who has knowledge or suspicion of child abuse or neglect is to report such to the county office of the Department of Human Services. *21 O. Supp. 1993,846.*

County- and state-level data included in Oklahoma KIDS COUNT reflects those reports of suspected abuse or neglect for which there were formal investigations and, of those, the number for which abuse or neglect were confirmed for the fiscal years 1980, 1985, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993. **SOURCE:** Division of

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Child Welfare. Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rates of Child Abuse are cases of abuse and/or neglect confirmed for 1990 per 1000 children ages birth through 17.

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CHILD and TEEN DEATH

Child Death Rate is the number of deaths from all causes to children per 100,000 children in the age range specified. **The Child Death Rate for Younger Children** measures the rate for children between ages 1 through 14. The **Child Death Rate for Teenagers** measures the rate for youths between ages 15 through 19. The data counts the total deaths for five-year periods (1978 through 1982, 1983 through 1987 and 1988 through 1992). Resulting rates create average annual rates for each five-year period. The data are reported by place of residence, not place of death. Child death rates for younger children (ages 1 through 14) and teens (ages 15 through 19) were calculated for all counties. State totals may vary from the total of all the counties since state totals include deaths for which the county of residence was unknown. **Cause of Death Among Children** is the percent of deaths that are caused by diseases, accidents and violence. Deaths by violence include murder, suicide and deaths that occur during legal interventions. Child death rates by race were calculated at the state level only because small numbers prevent calculation of meaningful rates on the county level. Race is reported as white, Black and American Indian. Other races are included in numbers and calculations for white. **SOURCE:** Death data provided by MCH Planning and Evaluation, Maternal & Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Population data provided by Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *using* U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A*, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A.*

Traffic Death Among Children is the annual count of children who die as a result of motor vehicle accidents in which they are passengers or drivers. **SOURCE:** Death data provided by Accident Records Division, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Death by Suicide is the annual count of deaths caused by a person who deliberately terminates his or her own life. **SOURCE:** Oklahoma State Department

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CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

Percent of Children in Poverty is the percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold (poverty income guidelines). **Related Children** are the children related to the "family head" by birth, marriage or adoption and include relatives such as nieces and nephews. Children under age 18 who do not live in a household where they are related to the head of the household are not included in this analysis. **The Poverty Income Guidelines,** as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, are based upon the amount of money that is required to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. The calculations are based on studies showing the cost of such a diet and the proportion of a poor family's budget that is consumed by food purchases. The calculations reduce the food cost by twenty percent to establish a level anticipated to be used in emergency situations (not for ongoing nutritional support) and increased for inflation by Consumer Price Index. The Poverty Income Guidelines are calculated for various family sizes. In 1994, the poverty threshold for a typical family of three is $1,027 per month or $12,324 per year. Data tables display poor children calculated as a percent of the children in the category referenced. Data was selected and displayed to present age, race and location. For census purposes race is self-identified in one of four categories: white, Black, Indian (American Indian or Alaska Native), and Asian (or Pacific Islander). Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race. Other includes races not selected and other races written in. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there are no children in that category. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of children in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing specific categories, such as race or age, within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** Oklahoma data: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 3A* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 3A*.; National data: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary of Social, Economic and Housing Characteristics, CPH-5-1*.

Income for Average Family in Poverty is calculated for a three-person family since the average Oklahoma family receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children consists of 2.8 people. (Oklahoma Department of Human Services, FY1993 *Annual Report*, tab. 14.). "Poverty line" ($1,027) means the Poverty Income Guideline for a three-person family for one month, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (see previous note). "Minimum wage" ($731) is calculated as the monthly income from full-time, year-round employment paid at the minimum wage rate of $4.25 per hour for one person. "Public assistance" ($522) is calculated as Oklahoma's monthly maximum

AFDC grant for a family of three ($324) increased by three times the average per person food stamp benefit ($66) for a total of $522. The maximum food stamp benefit for a family of three with no income is $295 .

Data and graphics for **Percent of 1993 Need Met by Selected Oklahoma Services, Oklahoma Poverty by Age,** and **Oklahoma Poverty Rates by Family Type** are provided by *The Other Oklahoma: Poverty in the Heartland.*

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HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

Drop-Out means a student in grades seven through 12 who quits school. Data collected counts students from both public and state accredited private schools at the state, county, district and school site level. Oklahoma KIDS COUNT reports drop-out data on a state and county basis. **Drop-Out Rates** compare the number of drop-outs to all students in grades seven through 12. School officials in Oklahoma are required to notify the State Department of Education of the name, address, race, and age of any pupil dropping out of school. 70 O.S. 1991 §35e(A). Race is reported as white, Black, Indian, Asian and Hispanic. There is no provision for reporting other races. Hispanic children, for the purposes of this data, are counted as a race, rather than an ethnic group preventing precise racial comparisons between this data and other data in KIDS COUNT.

SOURCE: Data provided by Office of Accountability, Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Graduation Rates are derived by comparing the number of graduates for a given school year to the number of ninth grade students that were enrolled three years earlier (in the ninth grade). Data collected counts students from both public and state accredited private schools at the state, county, district and school site level. Graduation rates are subject to distortion when a significant population change or a school consolidation occurs at the local level. Graduation rates exceeding 100% are a result of such distortion and have been adjusted to 100%. Oklahoma KIDS COUNT reports the graduation rates on a state and county basis. **SOURCE:** Data provided by Office of Accountability, Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Educational Status reports the percent of adults age 25 and over who are high school graduates for 1980 and 1990. Race uses census definitions and is self-identified in one of four categories: white, Black, Indian (American Indian or Alaska Native), and Asian (or Pacific Islander). Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race, preventing precise racial comparisons between this data and OSDE-generated data in the High School Drop Out Section of Oklahoma KIDS COUNT. Other includes races not selected and other races written in. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A.*

Teens Not Enrolled in School and Not a High School Graduate counts teenagers falling within that definition who are ages 16, 17, and 18 for 1980 and 1990. Race uses census definitions and is self-identified in one of four categories: white, Black, Indian (American Indian or Alaska Native), and Asian (or Pacific Islander). Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race, preventing precise racial comparisons between this data and OSDE-generated data in the High School Drop Out Section of Oklahoma KIDS COUNT. Other includes races not selected and other races written in. The

indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no teens in that category. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of teens in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing specific categories, such as race or age, within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 3A* and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 3A*.

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JUVENILE CRIME

Juvenile Violent Crime Arrests mean arrests of youth between the ages of 10 and 17 for violent offenses (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault). The annual arrest figures include all arrests for violent offenses during the year, including repeated arrests of the same individual for different offenses. Increases in the number of arrests may reflect increases in juvenile crime, changes in police activity and changes in public policy. While policies and practices regarding juvenile arrest may vary from county to county and city to city, it is widely believed that the policies are more consistent for violent crimes than for less serious crimes. Data collected counts juveniles by age or by race, but age and race cannot be compared. Race is reported as white, Black, Indian, and Asian. There is no provision for reporting other races. Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race. Oklahoma KIDS COUNT reports juvenile violent crime arrest data on a state and county basis. Several counties reported no juvenile violent crime arrests in the years included in Oklahoma KIDS COUNT. **Juvenile Violent Crime Arrest Rates** compare the number of arrests of youth age 10 through 17 for violent offenses (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, or aggravated assault) to all children age 10 through 17 and is reported as a rate per 100,000 youths. **SOURCE:** Arrest data provided by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Population data provided by Oklahoma State Data Center, Planning and Research Division, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, *using* U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1980, Summary Tape File 1A*, and U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 1A*.

Child Crime Arrests mean arrests of children of all ages for any offense (violent, non-violent or status). Status offenses are those incidents which would not be considered criminal activity if committed by an adult (for example - running away, repeated disobediance, truancy, curfew violations). The four-year arrest figures include all arrests of children for all offenses during 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993, including repeated arrests of the same individual for different

offenses. Increases in the number of arrests may reflect increases in child crime, changes in police activity and changes in public policy. Policies and practices regarding arrest of children may vary from county to county and city to city. Since it is widely believed that the policies are more consistent for violent crimes than for less serious crimes, Oklahoma KIDS COUNT limits the reports of child crime arrest data to a state basis. **SOURCE:** Data provided by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Number of Intakes means referrals of troubled youth to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (Office of Juvenile Justice) or the Juvenile Bureaus (in Comanche, Tulsa and Oklahoma Counties). Intake counselors receive referrals from a variety of sources: law enforcement agencies, parents, school officials, social service agencies, and so on. Referrals can be made if a child is thought to be **delinquent** (committing a crime) or a **status offender** (in need of supervision because of repeated disobedience or a run-away). **Juveniles in State Custody** means all children placed with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) typically after court adjudication as a delinquent. **Percent in custody** compares the number of juveniles in state custody to the number of intakes received. Oklahoma KIDS COUNT reports custody data on a state and county basis. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of children in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing the number of intakes within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** Data provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Idle Teens counts teenagers not enrolled in school and not in the labor force who are ages 16, 17, and 18 for 1990. Race uses census definitions and is self-identified in one of four categories: white, Black, Indian (American Indian or Alaska Native), and Asian (or Pacific Islander). Hispanic Origin is counted separately and as an ethnicity, not as a race. Other includes races not selected and other races written in. The indicator "n/a" is inserted when there were no teens in that category. The indicator "—" is inserted when the number of teens in that category is so small (less than five) that the resulting rate or percent would not be meaningful. These situations occur when listing specific categories, such as race or age, within Oklahoma counties with small populations. **SOURCE:** U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of the Population and Housing 1990, Summary Tape File 3A.*

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Oklahoma Kids Count has three strategies. The Data Collection Strategy annually compiles information about children on a county-by-county basis, and by race, age, and gender where appropriate and possible. This data is used to produce the annual *Oklahoma Kids Count Databook* and is also made available to citizens through the Oklahoma Kids Count Database.

Communications

The Communications Strategy involves all aspects of disseminating information to the public and to policy makers. This includes working with the media, training a speakers bureau, and developing communication materials, such as this annual databook, a video, county data sheets, and other tools.

Leadership Development

The Leadership Development Strategy informs and educates individuals across the state of Oklahoma about critical issues facing children, and helps citizens develop strategies to address those issues. Oklahoma Kids Count Leadership annually trains a select

group of individuals in advocacy. These leaders spend a year in their own communities working on behalf of children. The Leadership Development Strategy also sponsors town hall meetings and conferences to give citizens tools to improve the lives of children.

Resources You Can Use

For more information about resources and materials from Oklahoma Kids Count, contact:

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Members of our Oklahoma Kids Count Leadership Class are available statewide to address groups about the conditions of children in Oklahoma and to present ways citizens can make a difference. Presentations include a viewing of the Oklahoma Kids Count Video, and a look at the well-being of children in your locale. Call (405) 236-KIDS to schedule a presentation, or to learn how you can participate in Oklahoma Kids Count Leadership.

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Town hall meetings are designed to help members of your community openly dialogue about critical issues facing children in your area and begin to look at actions that can be taken to improve child well-being. Conferences help citizens discover ways to use their own talents and resources to improve the lives of children, and demonstrates how to help change public policy to benefit children.

Oklahoma Kids Count Databook

Additional copies are available by calling (405) 236-KIDS.

Oklahoma Kids Count County Data Sheets

Looks at the well-being of children within a county through statistics. Available for individual counties or in a set of 77 (one for each county).

Oklahoma Kids Count Video

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Oklahoma Kids Count Database

Kids Count data is available electronically through the ORIGINS Database housed at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Access is free; if you are making a long distance call, you will pay for the phone call. To access this data via modem, dial (405) 325-5883. In state WATTS and Washington DC WATTS, dial 1-800-765-6552. For assistance in accessing ORIGINS, call (405) 325-2931.

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